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NORWAY TO FIGHT WITH ALLIES

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M. Hambro, Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, said here that King Haakon is issuing a proclamation to-day stating the intention of Norway to fight side by side with the Allies and not capitulate to Germany. — Reuter.

GERMAN LANDING PARTIES NOT LARGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

With regard to the position in Norway, it seems probable that the German landing parties are not very heavy concentrations.

The method adopted seems to have been to disembark a boat-load whenever possible.

At one or two places, notably Oslo, troops were also landed from aeroplanes.

Such forces as the Germans have landed have been strengthened by the transfer of the German merchantship crews into fighting crews—in most cases, this merely involved a change of uniforms.

It is also thought probable that there have been reinforcements from the brigades of tourists, as occurred in the case of Danzig. — Havas.

THE NAVIES LOCKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Communication with the Scandinavian capitals is still cut off or interrupted and it is still very difficult to determine which reports are true and which are false.

Most of the "information" so far available has been of German origin. The Allies have acted rapidly and a large naval battle is going on off

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT Mr. Winston Churchill will be able to give very good news when he delivers his speech in the House of Commons.

Confirmation is gradually reaching London of important naval engagements off the Norwegian coast, where the British Fleet has captured Bergen and Trondheim, and scattered German troop transports and inflicted severe losses on the German navy.

Although the full story is not likely to be related for some days, the picture gradually being assembled of the dramatic events of the last 48 hours suggests that Hitler's "blitzkrieg" against Norway is in grave danger of collapse.

During yesterday's bombing attacks on German naval craft in Bergen, it was revealed that two German cruisers and two destroyers were anchored in the port.

The British capture, presumably means that these four ships have been sunk or captured.

The Nazis are now facing a difficult task—either to continue the attempts to send troops directly from Denmark to Norway through the straits, under the guns of the British Fleet, or to try and land in Sweden, where the necessary precautionary measures have now been taken.

It is further pointed out that the scope of the operations in Norway would render the last solution practically useless, even if it succeeded, as the Malmo-Göteborg railway could not cope with traffic sufficient to help the Germans maintain their own against the Allied forces.

It is rumoured in Stockholm that the Allied Fleet has secured control of the Oslo Fjord and has demanded the surrender of the German forces ashore by noon to-day. No confirmation of this startling report is available in London or Paris.

THREE AMERICAN SHIPS IN BERGEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Three American cargo-boats are at present in Bergen harbour; their fate is unknown.

Other American ships on the way to Norway will turn back following extension of the war zone by President Roosevelt's proclamation. — Havas.

Norway, where the Allied Fleet is locked with the Germans. — Havas.

German Disaster

The British naval and air attacks on German transports and warships occurred when the latter were trying to pass through the Skagerrak along the Norwegian coast to reinforce the landing parties.

The enemy concentration was scattered. In the Skagerrak, two German transports and a German destroyer being sunk.

Near Paternoster Island, British warships met 10 German troop transports protected by warships. Two German transports were sunk. (Continued on Page 20.)

FOUR NAZI CRUISERS SUNK IN SKAGERRAK

Stockholm, To-day.

According to unconfirmed reports four German cruisers and two or three large transports were sunk by the British Fleet in the battle in the Skagerrak.

Two German transports, filled with soldiers, are stated to have been escorted into the Swedish port of Marstrand by a Swedish cruiser.

One of the transports was badly damaged and the other entered Swedish territorial waters. The transports and the troops on board will be interned. — Reuter.

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THE MADNESS OF ONE MAN

London, To-day.
"THIS LATEST AND FOULEST of Hitler's deeds," "Violence, naked and unashamed," and "The madness of one man and his fanatical advisors" — these are typical comments from the press of the world on Germany's invasion of Denmark and Norway.
Even the Axis-Partner, Italy — although she gives the full Nazi point of view — is lukewarm, while the Japanese paper "Asahi" denounces the German invasion, while at the same time condemning the "Anglo-French violation of Norwegian sovereignty."

The British press says that no German action has been more savage and more unjustified. There is a feeling that this time Germany has bitten off more than she can chew and many of the papers declare that it was an "act of desperation."

The "New York Times" says that strategically Germany may be the loser in the long run.

The Turkish press feels that the Nazi leaders, in undertaking this mad adventure, are undoubtedly digging their own graves.

MAY LOSE ALL

The London "Daily Telegraph" says that the German leaders have chosen to open a new frontier of such a nature that they can win little, and may lose all. The paper sees in the move an indication of the dire straits prevailing in the Reich.

"The Times" points out that while British supplies from Denmark have been cut off, feeding stuffs and manures on which Denmark relies have also been stopped. On the other hand, the extension of the area of war may well afford the naval forces of the Allies the opportunities they have sought hitherto in vain.

The "Yorkshire Post" comments that the Allied blockade has weakened the Nazis more than was hoped and the "cornered gangsters are now trying to shoot their way out."

Hitler's move is called suicidal both in Bombay and in many American papers.

"CHURCHILL IS RIGHT"

The "San Francisco Chronicle" says that by now every small European nation knows that Churchill is right — their fate lies with that of the Allies. "They may be slow to come to your aid, but at least they do not attack you."

The "Chicago Daily News" says that Norway and Sweden would have been better off if they had thrown in their lot with Finland and had accepted Allied help several months ago.

The South American papers reflect anger and anxiety. One Buenos Aires paper is typical when it says that the Reich has struck another brutal blow at civilization. All honest consciences will rise against such individuals and against such systematic law-breakers.

TOTAL WAR

In France, the consensus is that total war has now come.

It is now for the Allies to strike with all their force, says "Petit Parisien."

On every hand, there is praise for the people of Norway and the Labour "Daily Herald" that in their progressiveness, their cultural standards and their industrial skill, the Scandinavians have presented a pattern to all. — Reuter.

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"Agony" from the "West-deutscher Beobachter": "I would like to buy three second-hand night shirts."

CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.

On April 9 there were 12 neutral ships in the three contraband control bases in the United Kingdom, of which 8 had been there 5 days or less.

During the week ending April 6 the contraband committee considered the cargoes of 120 ships which had arrived since March 30, and 34 outstanding cargoes from the previous week. In 64 cases the entire cargoes were released either on first consideration or after enquiries.

During the week 88 cases were dealt with under the advance copy manifest system, 50 ships being released subject to formal checking of the original manifest. — British Wireless.

ALLIED JOURNALISTS INTERNED IN COPENHAGEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Amsterdam, To-day.

Press reports state that the Germans have interned all British and French newspapermen in Copenhagen and all German Jews who emigrated from the Reich to Denmark.

Meanwhile, the Nazis have released the Danish and Norwegian journalists in Berlin who were previously arrested. — Havas.

BRIGHTER DAY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was distinctly brighter at the close yesterday after a dull opening.

Best feature was Eastern demand for Indian iron and steel of the Benbal and Burma Corporation issues, all of which advanced.

Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

TWO HEINKELS SHOT DOWN OFF ENGLAND

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that while on patrol duty early last evening off the north-east coast of England, a Hurricane aircraft of the Fighter Command of the R.A.F. shot down two enemy Heinkel bombers. — Reuter.

LUXEMBURG ALARM

Brussels, To-day.

According to the Luxembourg newspaper "Luxemburg," the German are building embarkation piers along the Moselle, which constitutes a large part of the German-Luxembourg frontier. — Reuter.

Wang Ching-wei Threatening Shanghai

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

"THREE METHODS EXIST for re-taking the foreign Settlements — negotiations, force or blockade —" says the "Central China Daily News," the organ of Wang Ching-wei, in an editorial.

"Which of these is to be applied depends on the measure of goodwill shown by the foreign powers.

"If it proves impossible for the moment to retake the Settlements in full it is indispensable to bring them back to the part assigned for them when the Settlements were formed — to trade and not to indulge in political activities.

"Appropriate measures in this direction would be to place under direct control of the Nanking government all Chinese financial organizations operating in the Settlements; and to impose Nanking's control on all Chinese publicity organs and newspapers.

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"Control should also apply to foreign-language newspapers if their editorials and news are detrimental to the Chinese government.

"All political rights should be handed over to Nanking, the Settlement authorities retaining only administrative rights." — Havas.

JAPANESE "REDS" TO BE RELEASED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

About 200 former Japanese Communists will be released in the near future following an Imperial amnesty on Empire Day, the 2,600th anniversary of the Japanese Empire.

The Ministry of Justice and the Society for the Protection of Convicts have already made plans for the technical and spiritual training of those who are to be liberated.

It is recalled that the former Japanese communist party was dissolved in 1929 and all members were arrested. Some of them reconsidered their opinions, others are still firm in their beliefs. — Havas.

GERMANS CUT DANISH CONTACTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Telegraphic communication between the Governments of Denmark and Norway and their consulates here appear to have been cut since the beginning of the Nazi invasion.

It is understood the Swedish Government has also not communicated with its Shanghai Consulate.

Scandinavians here eagerly scanned all available reports from their homeland and wondered whether they will be called to the colours.

The local offices of Scandinavian shipping companies state they have received no information as regards changes in sailing schedules of their ships, which are continuing their course pending further developments. — Havas.

GERMAN ADMISSION AND CLAIMS

Berlin, To-day.

Admitting the loss of four cruisers, Germany claims that 11 Allied warships, including the 26,500-ton French battleship Dunkerque, launched in 1932, were damaged in the north Sea by Nazi bombers on Tuesday.

Belin circles say that Britain is now "gambling her entire naval prestige" in the battle for Norway and that all British warships available are rushing to the scene. — Reuter.

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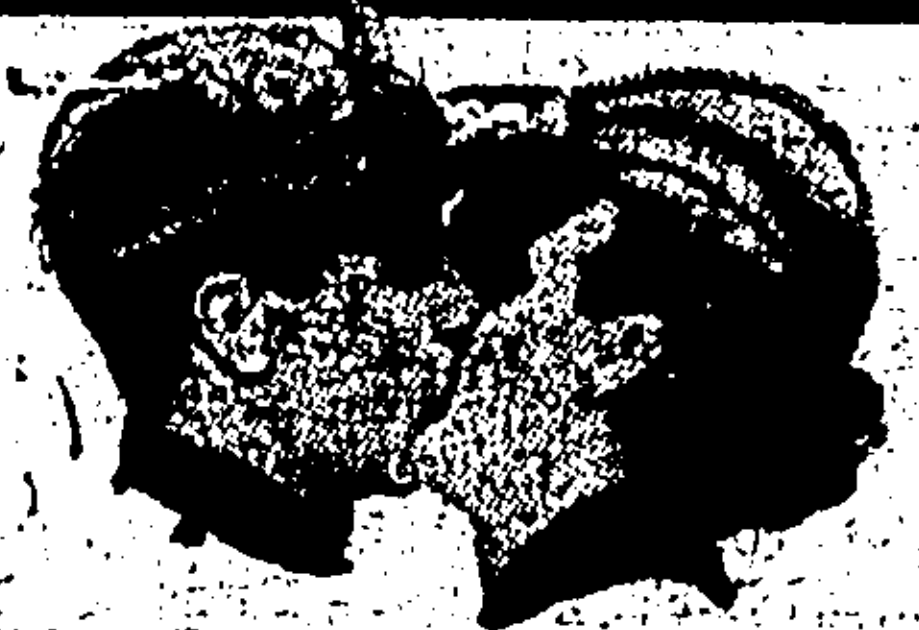
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R.A.F. EXPLOITS IN NORWEGIAN OPERATIONS

Nazi Airmen At Stavanger Given A Shock

SUCCESSSES IN SERIES OF AIR CLASHES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY STATED THAT AN R.A.F. RECONNAISSANCE PLANE FLEW OVER STAVANGER AERODROME, IN NORWAY, SHORTLY AFTER DAWN YESTERDAY AT A HEIGHT OF ONLY 50 FEET AND COUNTED AND CLASSIFIED EVERY ONE OF THE NUMEROUS GERMAN AIRCRAFT PARKED THERE.

The pilot had instructions to gather photographs and information and would have exceeded his orders had he jeopardised a safe return by attacking, though the target was tempting.

The Germans were apparently taken entirely by surprise for the pilot was able to carry out his reconnaissance uninterrupted, and he made a second flight across the aerodrome to confirm his observation.

The aircraft also flew low over the town of Stavanger, skimming the rooftops of houses and the railway station, where there were three passenger trains and a baggage train.

SUDDEN AWAKENING

The pilot reported that Stavanger appeared to be asleep but the Germans apparently gave the alarm soon afterwards and as he made his way back to sea once more, his aircraft was shot at by anti-aircraft guns and by a Heinkel bomber in the distance. The Heinkel, however, did not close with the British aircraft, which returned safely.

Our aircraft were busy along other parts of the Norwegian coast yesterday, noting the numbers and descriptions of German ships while their gunners maintained

an all-round watch for German reactions.

AIR SCRAPS

Several aircraft were engaged by enemy machines as they carried out their task over towns, fjords, harbours and sea routes of the invaded country.

One British crew, having finished their reconnaissance, gave their whole attention to an enemy Heinkel, pursuing it for half an hour and putting two good bursts of machinegun fire into the centre of the enemy plane.

When they next attacked there was no return fire from the German air gunner. He appeared to have fallen forward over his gun, either wounded or killed.

The German pilot gained the shelter of a cloud just in time to avoid further damage.

BROKE OFF

Another British reconnaissance aircraft damaged the starboard engine of a Heinkel which attacked it.

The Heinkel broke off the engagement and made off into the clouds, with smoke pouring from it.

Another Heinkel was driven away by a third R. A. F. aircraft after only 90 rounds had been expended by the R.A.F. gunner.—Reuter.

THE GERMAN ATTACK ON NARVIK

Stockholm, To-day.

Some 540 Norwegians and over a score of British sailors were killed in a German destroyer attack against ships in Narvik harbour during the occupation on Tuesday, German sources claim.

Two German destroyers are said to have attacked, sailing into the harbour at full speed and firing a salvo of torpedoes which sank two Norwegian coastal defence warships.—Reuter.

REPORT DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

The War Ministry denies rumours that Belgium has ordered general mobilisation.—Havas.

ELECTROCUTED

A 22-year-old Chinese, Fung Kam, was electrocuted yesterday while at work in the Hing Wah Factory, Tai Kok Tsui.

RUSSIA REFRAINING FROM ACTION

London, To-day.

According to the French wireless, Mme. Kolontal, the Soviet envoy to Sweden, informed the Swedish Foreign Minister yesterday that her Government will refrain from any intervention in the latest developments.

It is added she said that recent events had come as a surprise to Russia.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WOMAN BRUTALLY ATTACKED

A brutal attack on a Japanese woman, Mrs. Inouchi, was made by two robbers, armed with daggers, in No. 36, Kennedy Road yesterday afternoon.

The woman attempted to raise an alarm when the men entered her residence but was struck in the face and kicked in the abdomen.

She was later sent to the Queen Mary Hospital where her condition was said to be serious.

Yesterday, shortly after 2.30 p.m. two Chinese knocked at the door of the ground floor of No. 36, Kennedy Road, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Inouchi, and their two children, a son and a daughter. They stated that they were sent by the Urban Council to inspect the drains and waterpipes.

After gaining entrance, they produced daggers and threatened the two amahs and Mrs. Inouchi.

Mrs. Inouchi attempted to call for help but was struck in the face by one of the men and brutally kicked in the abdomen. She fell fainting to the ground while the men bound and gagged the two amahs.

They then started ransacking the house and escaped with money and jewellery.

The amahs were later untied by the son of Mrs. Inouchi, and called assistance.

On arrival of the police Mrs. Inouchi was still unconscious and was conveyed to the Queen Mary Hospital. No one was allowed to see her.

Her husband was away at work when the attack took place.

The police are investigating.

According to a police report, \$1,080 in money and jewellery was stolen by the two robbers.

No arrests have yet been made.

GRIS' NEZ AIR BATTLE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT A BRITISH FIGHTER INTERCEPTED A HEINKEL III AT A GREAT HEIGHT NEAR CAP GRIS NEZ.

The fighter engaged the enemy closely until its ammunition was exhausted.

The enemy aircraft was last seen fleeing into a cloud with black smoke pouring from the port engine.—Reuter.

MACAO REPORTS DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lisbon, To-day.

The Ministry of Colonies categorically denies rumours of a tense situation in Macao, a communique saying "Alarming press rumours about Macao are unjustified."

"The Government, which is in daily contact with the Governor of the Colony, asserts that our relations with Japan are extremely friendly."

"No incident has occurred and the Japanese forces around Macao respect our sovereignty and show their friendship."

"Portugal has maintained the most loyal attitude in the present Sino-Japanese conflict and intends to continue doing so."—Havas.

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The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues to move eastward, pressure being highest between the Loochoos and the Bonins. A depression is situated in the Pacific about 1,000 miles east-south-east of Manila.

SOVIET CARRIES ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

APPARENTLY UNCONCERNED BY THE DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE IN SCANDINAVIA, THE RUSSIANS CONTINUE TO ENFORCE THE TERMS OF THE FINNISH-SOVIET PEACE TREATY.

Russian troops started yesterday to evacuate the Petsamo region, the narrow strip of land along the Arctic Ocean which separates Russia from Norway.

It is understood the Finnish forces have already occupied their former line, and Russia no longer has direct contact with Norway.—Havas.

PUPPET FOR DENMARK?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

THE EPIDEMIC OF PUPPET GOVERNMENTS HAS REACHED DENMARK AS D.N.B. THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, ANNOUNCED FROM COPENHAGEN THE FORMATION OF A NEW "GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CONCENTRATION, INCLUDING ALL POLITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE NATION."

So far the "government" is comprised of a Socialist and Radical-Socialist coalition and the opposition is formed mainly by communists and Nazis.—Havas.

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GREAT NAVAL BATTLE

London, To-day.

The Stockholm radio announces that a great sea battle is raging outside Swedish territorial waters near Marstrand, in the Kattegat.

A large fleet of German transports is reported to have been dispersed by the British Navy; another report says two German transports and a German destroyer were sunk in yesterday's battle in the Skagerrak.

The naval battle has been raging since 6 o'clock yesterday morning, according to a Gothenburg report. Watchers on the Swedish coast saw two large warships sinking.

It is added that planes are participating in the battle, while fishermen and boats are standing by ready to conduct rescue work.

MORE GERMAN LOSSES

The Stockholm radio says German warships are reported to have been sunk by British action near Arendal, and a German destroyer was sunk off Hortenport by the Norwegian cruiser minelayer, Olat, newest and largest unit of the Norwegian navy.—Reuter.

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
AUTHORITATIVE BRITISH QUARTERS STATED LAST NIGHT THAT BRITISH FORCES HAD CAPTURED TRONDHEIM AND BERGEN, TWO NORWEGIAN PORTS IN THE HANDS OF THE GERMANS.

Altogether 40,000 tons of German shipping is reported to have been sunk in Oslo Fjord since the German invasion started on Tuesday morning.

With the news of British naval successes going the round of Stockholm, the air of depression apparent in the Swedish capital in the morning is now lifting.

One Swedish naval expert suggested the Germans had fallen into a cleverly planned British trap.

London, To-day.

No official confirmation is so far forthcoming in London of the report that Bergen and Trondheim have been taken by British forces.—Reuter.

SPORADIC RESISTANCE

Paris, To-day.

According to a Stockholm message the breakdown of Norwegian communications is so complete that little is known of what is happening at the moment, but news which has trickled through suggests there is sporadic resistance in parts of the country.

The Oslo population appears to have been demoralised by the swift action of the Germans and to be sadly impressed by the puppet government set up by the Germans.

The atmosphere is one of dejected resignation, though there is a spirit of resistance in the interior.—Reuter.

Fleet Attack

Stockholm, To-day.

It is stated that an action near Marstrand occurred off the island of Paternoster when the British Fleet attacked a dozen large German transports escorted by warships.

Two transports are reported to have been sunk and the others scattered.

A German destroyer is reported to have been bombed and sunk by British planes in the estuary of the Oslo Fjord.—Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

M. Hambro, Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, announces he has received a communication from the commander in Bergen that the British are now in possession of the city.—Reuter.

SURRENDER REPORT DISCOUNTED

London, To-day.

There is no confirmation at the Norwegian Legation or the Foreign Office of reports that Norway has agreed to negotiate with Germany.

A British spokesman said yesterday that reports from sources under German control should be heavily discounted.

An Admiralty spokesman said the Allies have every intention of seeing that Germany does not land in Iceland or the Faroe Islands.—Reuter.

DUTCH SCEPTICAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

No confirmation has been received here of the Norwegian Government's alleged readiness to negotiate with Germany.

Such reports are viewed with scepticism here, where they are considered to be German inventions released in Oslo.—Havas.

NAZI DEMANDS UPON BULGARIA DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Sofia, To-day.

Official circles categorically deny reports of German demands on Bulgaria.—Havas.

GERMANS BOMBING NORGE TOWNS

Stockholm, To-day.

German planes have bombed Drammen, Daofak and Osorast-song, in Oslo Fjord, which are apparently in Norwegian hands. Fires are reported to be raging in the towns. A number of civilians were injured.—Reuter.

FRENCH WARSHIPS CO-OPERATING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

While the French Admiralty is as secretive as the British over the naval operations off Norway, it is admitted that French warships are co-operating with the Royal Navy.—Havas.

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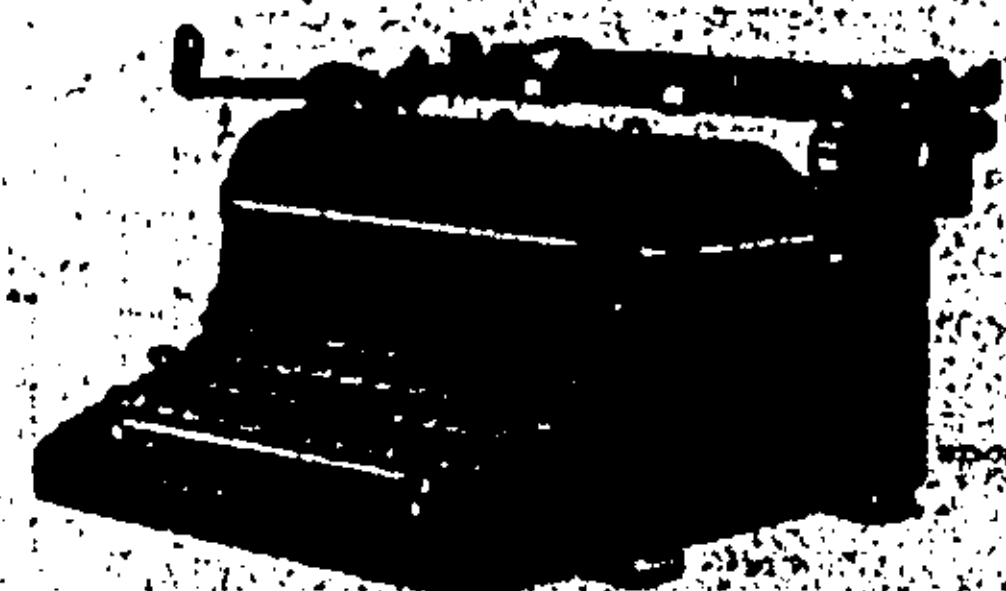
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Capture of The New Capital Reported

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE FRONTIER A MAJOR BATTLE IS RAGING ABOUT EIGHT MILES FROM OSLO. THE GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE CAPTURED HAMAR, THE TOWN TO WHICH THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT REMOVED FROM OSLO.

Sharp fighting is also taking place near Bergen and Konksvinger, 45 miles east of Oslo.

The newspaper "Aftenbladet" says that German units of considerable strength are reported to have been wiped out by the Norwegians in the Elverum battle.

The German dead are stated to number several hundred.

According to news from the frontier a number of soldiers were killed on both sides when the Germans seized Stavanger at 1 p.m. on Tuesday following sharp fighting.

A Norwegian destroyer, the Aeger, sank a German ship, presumed to be a transport, during the occupation of Stavanger, but the Aeger was later bombed from the air and sunk.

OSLO FIGHTING

It is estimated that 120 Norwegians were killed during the occupation of Oslo.

It is stated the Germans took Trondheim on Tuesday without fighting.

The garrison at the naval station of Warnes, near Trondheim, retired but later retook the Meraker bridge, 12 miles east of Trondheim.

It is reported that a German plane was shot down at Warnes.

The present whereabouts of the Norwegian Government are unknown but M. Hambro, president of the Norwegian Parliament, left yesterday for Stockholm, where he was expected last night.

Numerous German aircraft have been seen near the Swedish-Norwegian border, and some are alleged to have flown slightly over Swedish territory.

NARVIK SEIZURE

The occupation of Narvik, described by a Swedish subject, in the town at the time, reveals that a German troop transport actually reached the neighbourhood of Narvik on Monday.

Norwegian customs officials who innocently tried to examine the ship outside the harbour were held on board the vessel until she revealed her true colours on Tuesday.—Reuter.

Parachute Landings

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is now certain that the Germans occupied Oslo, Christiansand, Eggerstrand, Bergen, Stavanger and Trondheim.

It is understood that regular troops were landed only at Oslo, Trondheim and Eggerstrand. Elsewhere operations were conducted with small units, air infantry using parachutes or landing on airfields previously occupied by German civilians residing in Norway.—Havas.

NORWEGIAN BATTERIES DEFIANT

London, To-day.

Norwegian coastal batteries were apparently still in action against German warships in Oslo Fjord last evening.

At 5.40 p.m. the German-controlled Oslo radio broadcast an "order" to the batteries to cease fire. The order purported to come from the Norwegian commander at Oslo.—Reuter.

GERMAN MEDICINE FOUND IN LUGGAGE

Before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, Kwok Kai-sun, was charged with importing unmanifested cargo into the Colony.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant.

It was alleged that medicine of German origin was found concealed in defendant's luggage.

Defendant was fined \$150 and the goods confiscated.

TAIKOO STABBING

Li Fat, 25, stoker, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday with a stab wound in the chest, inflicted at Taikoo docks.

NORWEGIANS RALLY IN MOUNTAINS BEHIND THE FJORDS

London, To-day.

THERE IS STILL LITTLE authentic news from Norway, but messages which have got through so far state that the Norwegians are still resisting.

Strong Norwegian forces are rallying in the mountains behind the west coast. The Norwegian army retreated slightly from the fjords, in order to get beyond range of the German warships, and is now concentrating in easily improvised positions in the hills.

From Stockholm comes a report that two big battles are now being fought on the west coast of Norway; there are no details.

Norwegians who crossed the Swedish border yesterday morning said that further south the German forces were advancing in buses and lorries, supported by aeroplanes.

Some said that they believed there was fierce fighting near Hamar, and that the Norwegian Government, which moved there from Oslo, had withdrawn further inland.

A German broadcast from Oslo called on the Norwegian troops to lay down their arms; if they did not, it would be "the worse for them."

PUPPET GOVERNMENT
The announcer also claimed that the Reich had reached an agreement with the "Norwegian Government."

It is quite clear that here the announcer was referring to the puppets in Oslo; it is equally clear that no Norwegians outside of Oslo itself are taking any notice of this "Norwegian Government."

BRITAIN BUYS SUGAR

London, To-day.

Britain is to buy half a million tons of raw sugar of the 1940 crop from Queensland, Australia. Already, 300,000 tons have been allotted to the United Kingdom, 120,000 tons to Canada and 80,000 tons to New Zealand.—Reuter.

THE SOVIET OFFER TO BRITAIN

London, To-day.

At question time in the House of Commons yesterday Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, declared no negotiations had recently taken place with the Russian Government about a resumption of the discussions on trade questions.

Mr. Butler added, however, that the subject was raised by M. Ivan Malsky, the Soviet Ambassador, in his conversation with the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax.

Mr. Butler also told the House that no date at present was fixed for the return of the British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir William Seeds, who is now "on leave" in England.—Reuter.

SWEDISH DEFENCE MEASURES

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Government is taking further measures to defend the country.

Army reservists have moved to the northern and southern provinces, all reserves have been called up, and all military leave cancelled.

From noon yesterday, a partial air defence has been in operation. All A.R.P. units were strengthened and arrangements made for imposing a blackout, should it be necessary.—Reuter.

INFANTRY ACTIVITY IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique stated there was local infantry activity at various points on the front.—Reuter.

HITLER CONDEMNED OUT OF HIS OWN MOUTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"WE WILL SEIZE SWEDEN. It will be a risky surprise but an interesting one and unparalleled in history."

Hitler told, years ago, one of his lieutenants, Dr. Herman Rauschning, who has since turned anti-Nazi and included the conversation with Hitler regarding neutrals in the book "Hitler Told Me."

The book was published several months ago and now constitutes one of the most severe evidences of German premeditation of an attack on Denmark and Sweden.

Dr. Rauschning, one-time Nazi President of the Danzig Senate, reports in his book Hitler's words as follows: "In the next war there will be no neutrals."

SWEDEN'S HARBOURS

"The Scandinavian states, as well as Belgium and Holland, will be inter-

grated with the Reich. First of all we will occupy Sweden's harbours, economic centres and iron mines.

"Under the protection of our sea and air fleets we will strike suddenly and in a series of rapid attacks. Sweden will not be able to offer efficacious defence."

"I will tell the Scandinavians that this is no conquest but collaboration imposed by circumstances and that I am helping them to enjoy liberty under my protection."—Havas.

Eye-Witness Story Of Oslo's Fall

Reuter's Man Stays And Watches German Forces Marching In

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE FIRST AUTHENTIC EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE GERMAN ENTRY INTO OSLO IS TELEPHONED FROM REUTER'S OSLO CORRESPONDENT, A BRITISH SUBJECT, WHO NARROWLY ESCAPED THE VIGILANCE OF ARMED GERMANS AND CROSSED THE FRONTIER INTO SWEDEN LAST NIGHT.

With crowds on the pavements he watched a column of Germans 1,000 strong march into the centre of the city at 3 p.m. Every man was armed with a rifle or machinegun, with uncovered bandoliers bulging with ammunition.

The inhabitants were bewildered by the swift sequence of incredible events.

The city had capitulated an hour or so earlier after a night and morning of terror during which German planes bombed all military objectives in the neighbourhood and machine-gunned districts around the harbour defences.

Already the German troops had taken control of all military aerodromes, including Fornebo, just outside the city, where 50 Nazi planes landed.

Nazi Threat

With these, they threatened to blow the inhabitants out of the city if resistance was shown.

By noon the main station was packed with fleeing evacuees, including women and children, carrying all the possessions they could muster. All seemed dazed.

The air above was filled with the ceaseless roar of aeroplane engines, apparently designed to terrify the inhabitants.

Bombing Begins

During the afternoon, when the correspondent was watching three bombers at a great height, a terrific explosion blew up a house a few hundred yards away.

More bombs followed quickly, and the watcher realised the counter-action had begun.

Uppermost feeling in the minds of the inhabitants seemed to be incomprehension at the turn of events, and the question everywhere asked was "Why have the Allies allowed the Germans to do this?"—Reuter.

Malmö, To-day.

Norwegian troops have dug themselves in near Elverum, about eight miles north of Oslo, and are tenaciously resisting German attempts to break their line.

According to latest reports reaching here fighting on a big scale is going on but details are lacking. — Reuter.

SECRET SESSION IN SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

In view of the gravity of the situation the Swedish Government yesterday proclaimed a "state of aerial protection" throughout the country, although martial law, entailing a full black-out, has not been enforced.

The defence committee of the Swedish Parliament held a secret meeting the proceedings of which have not been disclosed.—Havas.

ONLY PART OF ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

In connection with yesterday's action off Narvik, London official circles point out that this is only part of the large-scale naval operations, which will develop over the North Sea in the immediate future.

There is still no official confirmation of reports that the Gneisenau has been sunk.

The British Government has received a report from the Norwegian Ambassador stating that Norway has decided to continue to fight and that the morale of the population is excellent. — Havas.

ICELAND STANDS ON OWN FEET

London, To-day.

The Foreign Office has announced: "The following communication was made to the British Government yesterday on behalf of the Government of Iceland.

The "Althing passed to-night the following two resolutions — firstly, having regard to the fact that the situation created makes it impossible for the King of Iceland to execute the Royal Power given him under the constitutional act, the Althing declares the Government of Iceland is for the time being entrusted with the conduct of the said power.

"Secondly, having regard to the situation now created, Denmark is not in a position to execute authority to take charge of the foreign affairs of Iceland granted to it by the provisions of Article 7 of the Danish-Icelandic Union Act, nor can it carry out fishery inspection within Icelandic territorial waters in accordance with article 8 of the same Act.

"Therefore the Althing declares that Iceland will for the time being take entire charge of the said affairs." —British Wireless.

N. CHINA HIGHWAYS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

Total length of highways built or repaired in North China under the Peiping administration's reconstruction programme exceeds 10,000 kilometres or 6,250 miles.—Havas.

UNITED STATES ACTION UNDER NEUTRALITY LAW

Washington, To-day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has issued a proclamation re-defining the combat area established under the United States Neutrality Law.

The proclamation forbids American ships to enter all waters round the Scandinavian peninsula.

The Russian ports of Archangel and Murmansk are included in the new combat zone.

Norway can still buy arms in the United States without the necessity of paying cash, since the proclamation is concerned only with combat zones and does not extend to either Norway or Denmark.

Other provisions of the Neutrality Law, such as the "cash and carry" clause, regulate the purchase of arms.

The proclamation was issued following a conference between President Roosevelt and Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, on the Scandinavian situation.

DECISION DELAYED

Final decision regarding extension of the Neutrality Law to include Norway and Denmark was apparently delayed owing to lack of diplomatic information from Norway.

The President also conferred with Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, whose department recently made credits totalling \$35,000,000 available to Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

According to White House sources "the loans were among the subjects discussed by President Roosevelt." —Reuter.

SECRET SESSION OFF

London, To-day.
It is understood that the Parliamentary Labour Party has decided not to ask for a private session to-day but instead to have a public debate on the Norwegian situation.—Reuter.

1,200 NAZIS OCCUPIED TRONDHEIM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS OF THE COMMANDER OF THE GERMAN NAVAL LANDING PARTY AT TRONDHEIM WAS TO SURROUND THE BRITISH CONSULATE AND ARREST THE CONSUL AND HIS WHOLE STAFF, A FINNISH BROADCAST DISCLOSES.

The German naval party, numbering about 1,200, landed at 6 o'clock in the morning, while planes flew over the town.

The German commander immediately assumed control of the city, and forbade any meetings, demonstrations or discussions.—Havas.

THE ROYAL OAK'S DEAD

The Admiralty have decided that the gift of a lakh rupees (£7,500) by the Maharaja of Gondal, for the benefit of the dependents of those who lost their lives in the sinking of H.M.S. Royal Oak, shall be divided between the dependents of the naval officers and ratings and of the employees of the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institutes on the basis of the numbers lost, as follows:—

£250 for the dependents of the officers; £7,200 for the dependents of the ratings (including Maltese ratings); £250 for the dependents of the employees of the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institutes.

The First Lord has sent a personal message of thanks to the Maharaja.

SECURITY POSTERS

Security Posters which are boldly displayed in cafes and other public places in the British Air Forces zone in France are increasing in variety and succinctness.

Most of the early examples followed the lines of the old favourite of 1914-1918:—

A wise old owl lived in an oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke,
The less he spoke the more he heard,
Soldiers should imitate this wise old bird.

THE OSLO PUPPET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Denunciation of the puppet Quisling government in Norway was voiced by King Haakon during a meeting with the Swedish Minister to Norway. King Haakon pointed out that "the new government lacks a constitutional basis." —Havas.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

UNITED STATES

The "New York Herald-Tribune," discussing the conference between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini in relation to the "war of nerves," states: "Confusion on the Allied side, coinciding with Mr. Welles's visit, may hand the totalitarians exactly the sort of opportunity they have been waiting for in their war of nerves. If the clamour for action should force the Allied High Command into a hasty or ill-judged action it would represent an important victory for Hitler and a cheaper victory than he could win by offensive strokes in the field."

"Though viewing the world through the rose-coloured spectacles provided by the German Propaganda Ministry, the Germans' eyes, sharpened by hunger, may occasionally see frightening shapes. Perhaps Russian successes in Finland may not seem so great a victory to the masses in the Reich. Perhaps Germany too is stirring uneasily. It is against this background that the sudden announcement of the Brenner conference must be read. The fundamentals of conscience and strength that come from freedom of voice and of the will to fight are on the side of the democracies. May there be no misconception of the issue in this country."

HOLLAND

"Het Vaderland" writes: "There is a growing demand for more active war measures in England and France, but Russia and Germany behave like hedgehogs with their quills turned outwards. They will probably adopt the defensive and parry the Allies' strokes."

The "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant" says: "However understandable it may be that in France and England there is impatience at the slow progress of things, we cannot oppose too strongly any attempts at extending the area of conflict by drawing neutral countries into it. Popular discontent is natural, and M. Daladier will probably be forced to reorganise his Government if he is not to fall a prey to it."

"De Maasbode" discusses reported Allied disappointment and German jubilation that the Western Powers had not been able to save small States from aggression. "No one can deny this, but, on the other hand, it is certain that the Allies never promised to save the small States within a short time."

ITALY

A further hint that Italy will remain outside the war is given by Signor Ansaldo in the "Telegrafo." He says: "The Allies' calculations upon the war's developments have failed, the Finnish peace and Turkey's attitude having foiled their hopes for a war of coalition in either sector. The war is thus reduced to its real character of a struggle between British and German imperialism, and in accordance with these people's characteristics and unimaginativeness it will be long."

EGYPT

"Al Dastour" denounces Herr Hitler's habit of referring to Divine help for Germany after the brutal persecution of religious elements in the Reich. "Nazism has been since the beginning a system of outspoken atheism and heresy, persecuting all faiths," the paper says. "The Nazis' aim is the foundation of a new religion not believing in any God but only in greater Germany. The Nazi leaders have repeatedly professed denial in religious beliefs, and now Hitler is decking himself in the robes of faith and piety and announces his hope and faith in God."

JAPAN

Though the Russo-Finnish peace has caused some criticism of the Allies they will not be turned aside from their object of crushing Nazism. This is the keynote of comment in the "Asahi Shimbun," which writes:

"No immediate notable change in the war on the Western Front can be expected from the Soviet-Finnish peace, so even if Germany is now anxious for peace it is not thought that the Allies will abandon their attitude and lend an ear to it. Of course, one must not underestimate the blow which the Allies received through the Finns having been obliged to make peace. Since Germany and Sweden took the lead in arranging peace, and were successful, and since the Gulf of Bothnia is gradually thawing and transport from the Baltic is becoming easy, the German supply of iron ore from Sweden will be assured, and this will open a hole in the British blockade."

"The loss of face from the moral viewpoint which is being laid bare to the whole world cannot be hidden. Altruistic ideas such as the assistance of small countries melt away in the face of the Allies' heartless calculating policy like a snowball in the sun. Idealists in England are already planning a European federation after the war, but it is obvious they will be unable to win the approval of those countries which are undergoing severe hardships as a result of the Allies' treatment."

"At the same time from the Allies' viewpoint it is possible to see that although they have allowed Finland to perish before their eyes they have avoided for the time being the enlistment of the Soviet as an enemy. In short, the Allied policy was to choose the lesser of two evils. For the small countries to complain now that the Allies are unreliable is like water on a duck's back and will not shake the Allies' firmness of purpose with regard to the war against Germany."

THE NEW CABINET

Those who profess to see in these Cabinet changes indications of weakness should speedily disabuse themselves of the idea. It will be remembered that during the last war similar changes were repeatedly effected, until a ministerial war machine was created which was well adapted to dealing with the enormous questions which arose. It is to be expected that this present war will call for equally imposing decisions, and it is wise on the part of the Prime Minister to make his dispositions now rather than wait until the increasing tempo of war makes such a procedure much more unsettling. There may be some who will point to the fact that there have been no changes in the Nazi ministries since the beginning of the war as contrasting with what has happened in Britain and France, but it must be remembered that the Reich presents an entirely different political concept from the Allies, and is at present so constituted that it would be impossible to effect any considerable change in the Government without probably bringing to a head those enmities which are known to exist amongst Herr Hitler's entourage. Such a shuffle in Germany, as those which have been made without undue fuss in Britain and France, could not be carried out without very grave danger, not only of disunion amongst the Nazi hierarchy, but also of disillusioning the German people on the subject of the German people on the subject of the efficiency of their leaders. They cannot afford to make any such changes for fear of the effect upon German opinion, and have to carry on as a rigidly united little gang which is to be seen all the advantages of a democracy on the one hand, and the disadvantages of the despotic tyranny of the Nazi system on the other.—North China Daily News.

DUTCH PLANS READY

Transfer Of 500,000 From Flood Areas

DENMARK RESIGNED: MANY FLEE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
DENMARK WAS MORE OR LESS QUIET YESTERDAY, WITH THE POPULATION ACCEPTING THE OCCUPATION WITH RESIGNATION.

Danish newspapers have been threatened with suspension, and their owners and staffs with imprisonment, if they do not obey the German orders.

There was slight resistance at first, it is now confirmed, and some Danish frontier guards were killed.

The Germans say that this resistance was based on "erroneous orders received by the Danish guards."—Reuter.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEAVE IN OPEN BOATS

Stockholm, To-day.
Many Danes have fled into Sweden, near Malmo.

Some of them made journeys across the 30-mile neck of the sea in open boats, many women and children being among them.

All official communications are still suspended and travel out of Denmark is restricted.—Reuter.

SOVIET TAKES PRECAUTION

Stockholm, To-day.
According to the "Aftonbladet" despite the Russian decision to remain neutral, big Russian troop concentrations are reported in North Russia.

The Russian Arctic Fleet is reported to have steam up.—Reuter.
POLICY UNCHANGED

London, To-day.
The attitude of the Soviet Union towards Denmark and Norway will be governed by the lines laid down in Foreign Commissar Molotov's speech on March 28, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns in Soviet circles in London.

It is added there is no reason to suppose the Scandinavian events in any way change the Soviet policy of neutrality and non-involvement in the war.—Reuter.

WILL REFUSE NAZI ORDERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
The Danish Minister, M. Kauffman, declared yesterday he will refuse to carry out any instructions received from his Government during the period of the German occupation, which was a flagrant violation of the Danish-German non-aggression pact signed last year.—Havas.

GERMAN PLUNDERING

London, To-day.
The economic measures adopted by Germany against Denmark are being repeated in German-occupied Norway, credit notes, at an arbitrary rate of exchange, being given in exchange for goods.

In Norway, the notes are still at the old rate of exchange nominally—but actually, they are worth nothing. The Norwegians are forced to accept them in exchange for whatever the Germans want.—Reuter.

IF INVASION DANGER BECOMES ACUTE

HALF A MILLION PEOPLE will be evacuated from the area to be inundated in Holland if the danger of invasion should be come acute.

The disclosure of details of the scheme by the chief of the Press Bureau coincides with a renewal of rumours of the possibility of a German threat to Holland.

Indications which seem to confirm these rumours are the frequent flights of German planes over Dutch territory, troop concentrations on the frontier, and the increased activity of spies.

TOWNS COULD BE SUBMERGED

At present the floods in Holland are only a few inches deep, but it is believed that if necessity arose many villages and towns would be submerged. In this event several large cities might be evacuated, because they would probably be cut off from their sources of supply.

Under the scheme no one would be allowed to travel independently to relatives or friends in other parts of the country. It is feared that this would hinder organised evacuation, and that the new homes chosen by the evacuees might not offer more security than those abandoned.

GIGANTIC SCHEME

Evacuation would be carried out by river boats, by rail, and by buses. Each evacuee would have to take provisions for two days and warm clothing.

The scheme is a gigantic one for so small a country, but the officers responsible for its execution are confident that it could be carried through without a serious hitch if Holland were invaded.

BRITISH NATIONALS IN SCANDINAVIA

London, To-day.
Informed circles in London state that although there are no precise figures of the number of British nationals in the Scandinavian countries it is estimated the figures are roughly as follows:—some 1,000 odd in Denmark, 500 in Norway and 750 in Sweden.—British Wireless.

The four burglaries reported to have taken place at Chardhaven Hotel, actually took place at No. 8, Middle Road, where Mrs. E. Greenburg, proprietress of the Chardhaven Hotel, has a godown.

BELGIUM SUSPENDS ARMY LEAVE

Brussels, To-day.
The granting of further army leave has been suspended. Men already on leave are not affected.—Reuter.

NORWEGIAN AND DANISH SHIPS HELD

London, To-day.
Scandinavian ships are held up in many parts of the world.

The South African Government has ordered Norwegian and Danish ships not to put to sea at present. This is a temporary measure and will apply until the position is clarified.

The Canadian Government is considering the taking over of all Danish ships in Canadian ports.

Meanwhile, a German broadcast from Copenhagen urges all Danish ships in the Mediterranean to make for Italy or Spain.—Reuter.

GERMANY RUNS HEAD INTO A NOOSE

New York, To-day.

CHIEF OBSTACLES to a speedy German conquest of Norway will be the British Navy, the mountainous Norwegian terrain and the Norwegian forces, says the "New York Times."

The British Navy, backed up by French forces and vastly superior to the surface strength of the Germans, should be able to interrupt German ports and Norwegian ports, an item of consequence because German troop movements in preliminary operations can best be made by sea.

"The Times" Washington correspondent, Arthur Krock, says: "In the State Department the events of Monday were found to fit into a pattern conceived long ago."

"This pattern discloses a deliberate secret design on the part of the aggressor nations to extinguish or take into their orbits all neutrals in both hemispheres who have not the force to resist... the laden German troopship in Norwegian waters must have started from a German port hours before the mines were laid, so the conclusion here is that the Scandinavian seizures were ordered before the existence of any tangible reason or pretext."

INSTRUCTIVE STATEMENT

The "New York Times," in an editorial, says: "The German version

of this brutal business might well have been written weeks ago.

"The statement does not even mention the incident immediately preceding the launching of Germany's attack, namely, the action of the British Government in laying mines."

"Those observers in neutral countries, including the United States, who are already jumping to the conclusion that Britain forced Scandinavia into war, and that Germany would never have attacked the Northern States if Britain had not chosen to lay mines, will find it instructive to note that from first to last in this official apologia of the German Government, the word 'mines' is not mentioned."—Reuter.

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THE DYING SOB OF 13 MILLIONS!

Under the main power station of the shattered city of Lwow, in Eastern Poland, there still exists an air raid shelter originally designed against German attack.

The dreaded Ogpu have chosen this shelter for the scene of their "Court of Justice."

And here Polish officers, students, professors, lawyers are now being brought for secret trial.

The Ogpu do not arrest by day. They go about their work at night: and before dawn the prisoners have been judged, and condemned to death or misery.

For from this sadistic, mediaeval court room there is no acquittal.

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The accused, as a rule, have had no time to dress. They appear as they were found (though nowadays most men in Eastern Poland sleep with their clothes on).

If the sentence is death, a Soviet bullet brings them merciful release from a life no longer worth living.

But if they are sentenced to imprisonment and deportation they get one glass of hot water a day, a piece of bread every alternate day.

Those are the rules of the Court.

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Other issues have obscured the crescendo of misery in Eastern Poland. This was the country Britain went to war to save.

Therefore Britain should know that even with spring at last on the way there are 13,000,000 Poles in this half of Poland alone who are dying of starvation.

Mass arrests, far from diminishing, have increased.

In the Kutu-Kolomyja district alone 5,000 people have been torn from their homes and "transplanted."

Stand in the station of Lwow, and from closed cattle trucks you hear the cries, not of beasts, but of men and women locked up together for days on end on their way to the valley of the Don.

Their clothes have been torn off and they have been dressed in sack- ing—so that when they arrive the Russians will realise how poverty-stricken everyone was in "capitalis- tic" Poland.

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A Pole sent to the Don valley, in Russia, can earn up to five roubles a day.

This is not enough to pay for a meal, not to mention a bed.

Poles put to work in Poland are earning a daily wage of:

	roubles
Railwaymen and postman	5
Postmen in country	3½
Doctors and surgeons	10
Labourers, mechanics, etc	4-8
And here are some of the current prices of goods:	
Butter	30 roubles a lb.
Lard	30-40 roubles a lb.
Bread	5 roubles a loaf
Chicken	50 roubles
Goose	120 roubles
Pint of milk	4 roubles

Many of these prices, though official, are hypothetical, because the food they refer to is no longer obtainable, e.g., butter, sugar, etc.

Nor is there any meat such as beef or mutton.

As the Zloty, standard of Polish currency, ceased to be legal tender in December, all Poles with savings be- came paupers.

Perhaps the aristocrats have been luckiest.

Almost without exception they were shot at once.

* * *
Britain made many promises to Poland.

It will be possibly a long time be- fore the main promise can be redeem- ed.

In the meanwhile, there is one thing that the people of Britain can do, and that is to force their Government to see to it that the American Red Cross is allowed into Eastern Poland.

They are already in Warsaw.

Death has become such a common- place in Poland that it is hard to make people listen to Poland's desperate

A page you will not easily forget by DAVID WALKER

appeals: and Russia's fight against Finland diverted the attention of the world.

But unless something is done very soon hundreds of thousands of Poles will die in the next few weeks — of hunger.

After the intense cold spring is coming late to Poland. The ground is completely frozen and there can be no crops of any kind for months to come.

Food has been commandeered from all Eastern Poland for the needs of the Soviet army in Finland.

* * *
Thirteen million of Britain's Allies are starving at this moment.

For these 13,000,000 a small group of British and Americans are working frantically.

Does it mean nothing to the ordi- nary people of England that nothing bigger is being done?

Miserable, wizened little children are being born into a hell upon earth.

And even for those who are em- ployed a pint of milk costs more than a day's wage.

If our original promise to the Pol- ish people meant anything it means that we must help these people now.

The neutrals know what is happen- ing in Poland: and they are waiting to see what Britain does.

At the very least some form of Red Cross institution must be sent to East- ern Poland—NOW.

If we do nothing our name will stink across Europe: and not without cause.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



GERMANY ADMITS TWO SHIPS

Berlin, To-day.
A High Command communique states that the Bluecher was heavily damaged outside Oslo while endeavouring to silence a battery of 11-inch guns. Subsequently she struck several mines and was lost.

The Karlsruhe, after having met strong resistance at Christiansand, was heavily damaged and sank. The greater part of the crew was saved.—Reuter.

INDIAN P.C. CHARGED

Arrested on the N. T. border under "peculiar circumstances" which were not disclosed, an Indian member of the Hong Kong Police Force was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with desertion.

The man, Harbhajan Singh, 32, was alleged to have deserted on November 9, 1939, before the expiration of his five-year term in the Police Force which expires on September 30, 1942.

Accused was arrested on Tuesday.

He pleaded guilty, but refused to make a statement unless allowed to do so in camera.

The case was adjourned for 48 hours by Mr. R. Edwards.

FRENCH WAR CHARITY FETE SUCCESS

The nett proceeds of the French War Charity Fete at the St. Paul's Institution (Causeway Bay) during the week-end amount to \$8,233.88.

In the name of the Committee of the "Oeuvres de Guerre Francaises," M. Renner conveys to all donors grateful acknowledgment of their generous subscriptions, to the Press and to helpers at the Bazaar, as well as to the General Public, sincerest thanks for their contributions to the success of the Fete.

FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

Charged with obtaining money by false pretences, Chan Chung, 30, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

Sergeant Johnston said that accused collected 50 cents each from twenty persons and promised to find jobs for them in a firm in Kowloon City.

PRISON FOR KNIFE ATTACK IN TEMPER

Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning sentenced Li Wah, 34, to serve one month's hard labour for assault on Li Pui, 40.

Sergeant Atkins said defendant attacked with a knife, after a quarrel over a debt in Woosung Street yesterday.

Defendant snatched up the knife from a sugar-cane hawker.

SISTERS AT LAW

The action arising from a dispute between two sisters over a house in Nga Tsin Loong Road was continued at the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor.

The whole of the morning's proceeding was occupied by the cross-examination of defendant by Mr. Percy Chen.

Chan Sing-kam, of King's Park Refugees Camp, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital for injuries caused in a fall from a ladder at the camp.

SINGAPORE OFFER TO BRITAIN

Singapore, To-day.

A resolution, offering £1,000,000 to the British Government to aid the prosecution of the war will be moved at the forthcoming meeting of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

The resolution is being put forward at the instance of Unofficial members.

Gifts from British Malaya towards the cost of Imperial defence during the past 12 months amount to almost £3,250,000, apart from special Malayan war taxation approved a few days ago, the proceeds of which will be offered to the British Government as a contribution towards the cost of the war.

These measures are expected to yield £1,000,000 a year in the Federated Malay States, £500,000 in the Straits Settlements and nearly £250,000 in the State of Johore.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI'S ELECTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

JAPANESE VOTERS WERE THE FIRST TO VOTE YESTERDAY MORNING AT THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Japanese, British and American Ratepayers' Committees have displayed unprecedented activity, aiming to secure a full attendance of their nationals.

All American ratepayers received telephone calls urging them to vote with offers of free transportation. Every American ratepayer also received a telegram in the morning reminding him of his duty to go to the polls.

The unprecedented activities of the British Election Committee will probably secure votes of more than the usual percentage of British voters. The full results are expected on Friday.—Havas.

JAPANESE AIR LINES IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

The China Aviation Company is shortly inaugurating two new air routes, one from Dairen to Shanghai via Tsingtao and another from Shanghai via Tsingtao and another from Shanghai to Canton via Formosa.

The new service will be carried out by Douglas planes.—Havas.

CHINESE OPEN DYKES IN KWANGTUNG

Fearing an imminent Japanese attack at Lupao, in the North River area 40 miles north-west of Canton, Chinese troops have cut the dykes, says a Havas message.

It is rumoured that 2,000 fresh Japanese troops arrived in Canton on Monday.

DEATH OF MRS. PATRICK CAMPBELL

London, To-day.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the famous actress and one of the outstanding personalities of her day, died at Pau, in the Pyrenees, yesterday.—Reuter.

WARNING OF A MINE

Mariners are warned that a floating object, believed to be a drifting mine, was sighted yesterday morning along the route between Hong Kong and Saigon.

The position is reported to be south-east of Hainan Island.

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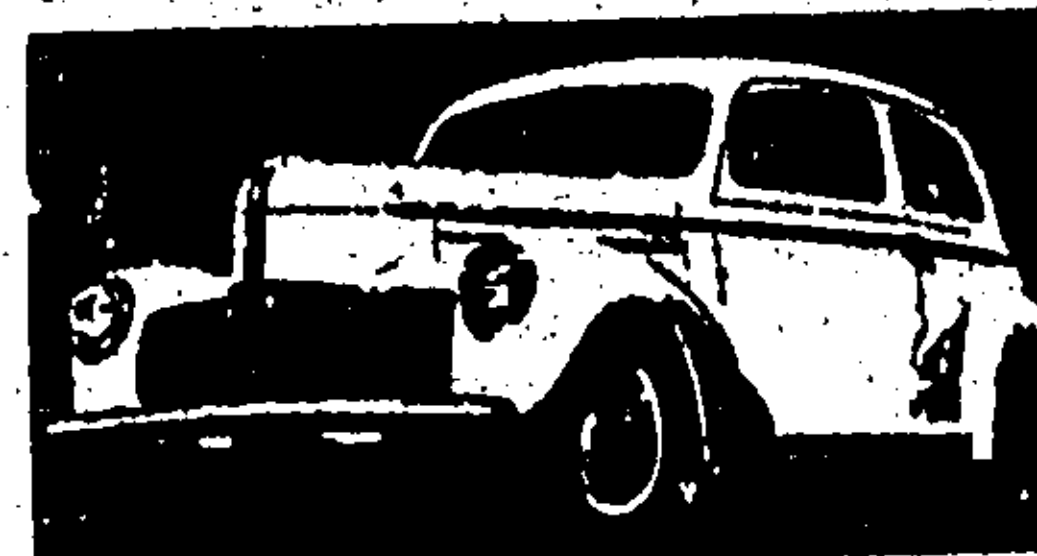
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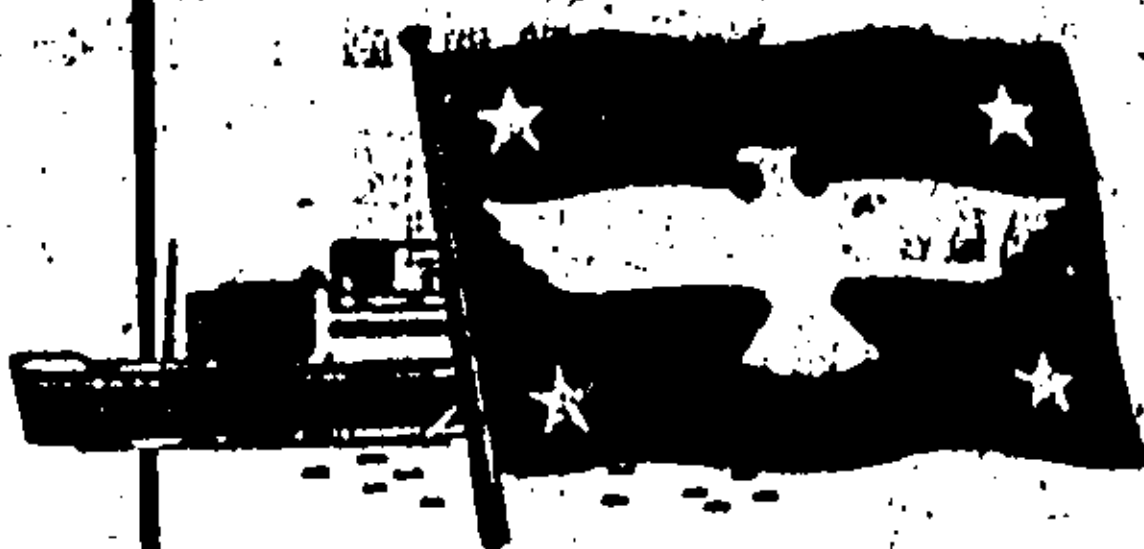
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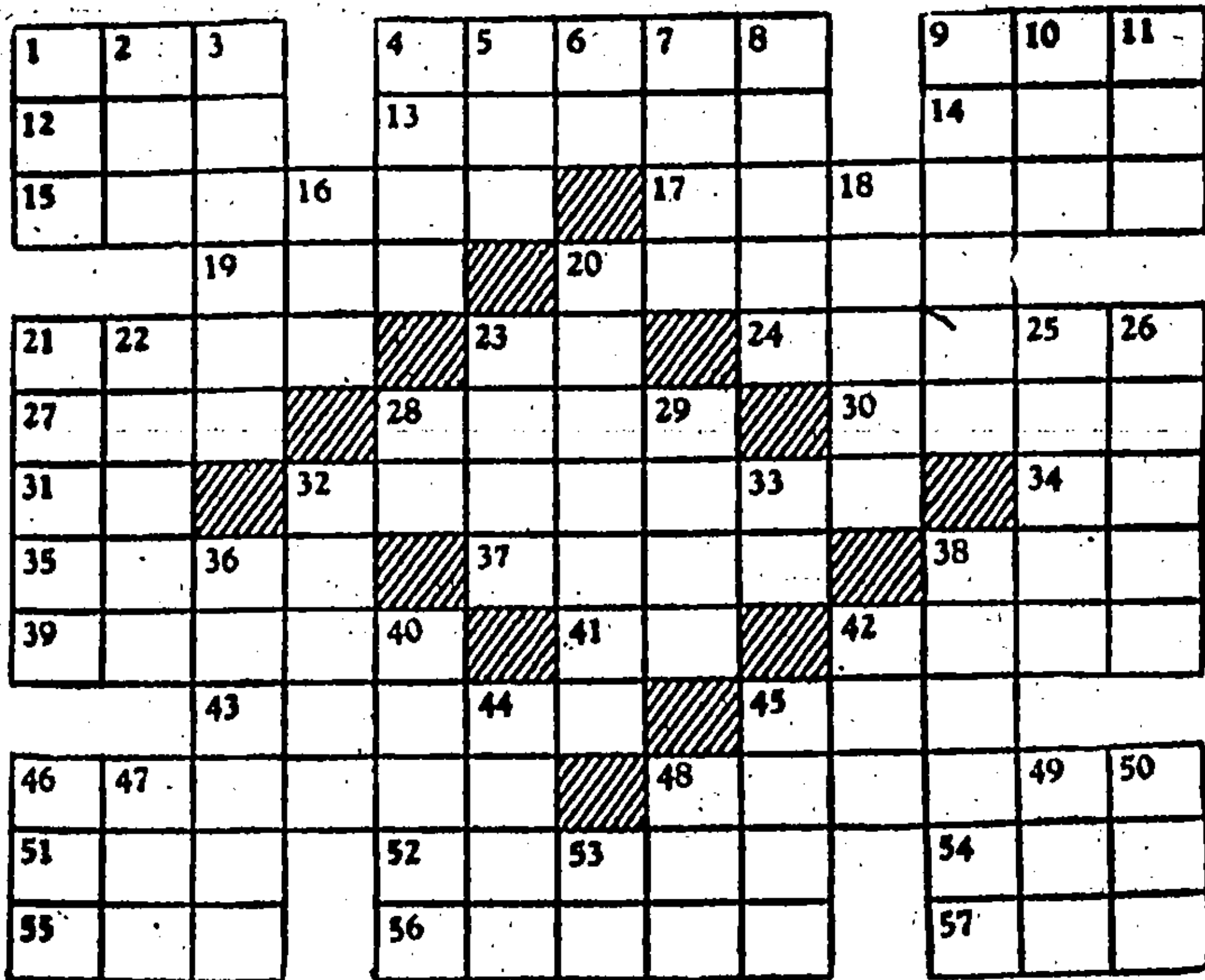
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pronoun
- 4 Part of flower
- 9 To excavate
- 12 Honey
- 13 Eaten away
- 14 High note
- 15 Bigoted persons
- 17 Tolls
- 19 To dine
- 20 Stage whisper
- 21 Pain
- 23 Bone
- 24 Potash
- 27 Essay
- 28 European mountain system
- 30 To wax
- 31 Symbol for tantalum
- 32 Jutting forth
- 34 Earth goddess
- 35 Preposition
- 37 Italian river
- 38 Bushy clump
- 39 Lines roof
- 41 Latin conjunction
- 42 Periods
- 43 Dust particles

VERTICAL

- 45 Regulation
- 46 Kitchen implement
- 48 To arouse
- 51 Malay gibbon
- 52 Heron
- 54 River
- 55 Abstract being
- 56 Northern birds
- 57 Pigeon

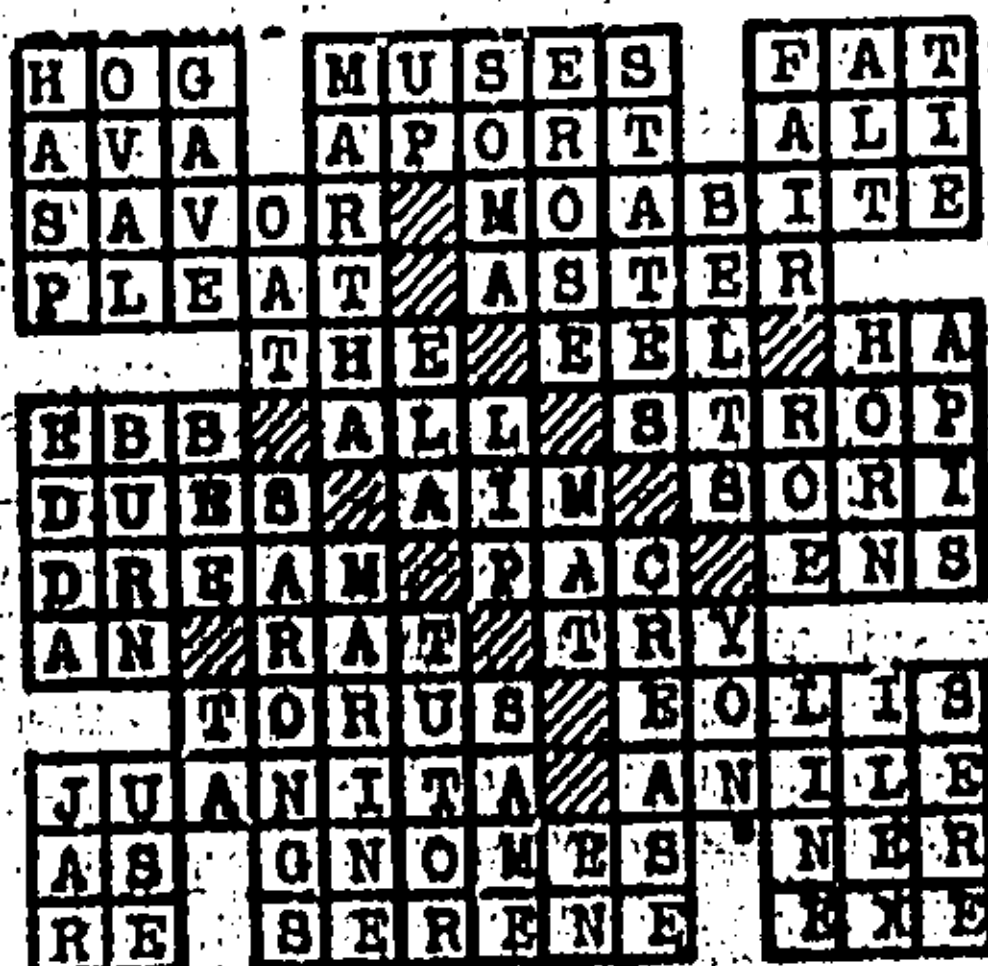
VERTICAL

- 1 Mischievous child
- 2 Music: three
- 3 Muddy
- 4 Chicken's cry
- 5 Bitter vetch
- 6 Preposition
- 7 Requests

VERTICAL

- 8 Former Russian dictator
- 9 To remove
- 10 Sick
- 11 Fuel
- 16 Owning
- 18 Command
- 20 Hopes
- 21 Pertaining to Athens
- 22 Derrick
- 23 Cooking vessel
- 25 Plant disease
- 26 Tall grasses
- 28 Cooled lava
- 29 Transmitted
- 32 Legislator
- 33 Negative
- 36 Stop-watches
- 38 Turrets
- 40 Refined iron
- 42 Obstruction
- 44 Therefore
- 45 Portions of land
- 46 Palm leaf
- 47 Flat vessel
- 48 Bog
- 49 Insect egg
- 50 Plaything
- 53 Artificial language

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DOUGLAS CO. MEETING

ANSWER TO CRITICS OF STEAMSHIP COMPANIES

THE DIFFICULTIES, FINANCIAL and practical, of China Coast shipping companies as a direct result of the Sino-Japanese war were stressed by both the chairman and a shareholder at the annual meeting of the Douglas Steamship Co., to-day.

Mr. S. T. Williamson, chairman, was supported by Messrs. H. V. Wilkinson and M. H. Turner, directors, and Mr. C. L. Farmer, secretary. The chairman said:—

After paying all running expenses, docking charges, Insurance Premium and all Allowances, the sum available for distribution is \$292,190.95 which includes the sum of \$129,231.76 brought into the account from last year.

Your consulting committee and general managers propose to appropriate this sum as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 10% (\$5.00 per share) \$100,000.00
To carry forward to next account 192,190.95

\$292,190.95

which I hope will meet with your approval.

This showing does not favourably compare with last year's figures and is accounted for by the extremely difficult trading conditions which have persisted during the year under review, which have been mainly caused through our customary trading Ports of Swatow, Amoy and Foochow being disorganised and closed to us for practically the whole of the year. These difficulties are the direct outcome of the Sino-Japanese incident and owing to this we have found it necessary to deviate and to employ our vessels on Southern runs mainly to and from Kwang-chow Wan and Indo-China Ports to Hong Kong and while this business left a lot to be desired in the early stages I am glad to be able to state that in the latter part of the year there was a general improvement in earnings.

OPERATING COSTS

Cost of operation has been much heavier than usual owing to additional expenditures caused principally by increased bunker coal prices, this commodity having more than doubled in price and recently we have also had to face increased Insurance and other incidental charges.

Shipowners are being accused of profiteering, but the earnings on the capital of this company and actually represented in our fleet are far from being excessive, and it is only due to the drastic writing down of fleet values in the past that the present dividend is possible.

It may interest shareholders to know that the average dividend paid during the past 20 years inclusive of the present dividend works out at only 5% per annum and no dividend was paid for a number of years and it is only occasional cycles in shipping that offset the lean years when ships are frequently operated at a loss and I therefore feel that the adverse criticism levelled against shipowners by those that do not realise the other side, as in a recent article in the local press from an unexpected source, should be discounted.

"SAGRES" STILL HELD

I regret to say that the Sagres as referred to at last meeting is still detained by the Japanese Navy and no legitimate reason has yet been submitted for her detention which action was very ably referred to by Mr. W. E. Kirby at the last annual meeting.

A large amount of repair work has been necessary during the year and our vessels are to-day in very good condition.

Your consulting committee and general managers do not consider it necessary to allow for any further depreciation in this account, as our vessels are shown at values which are very conservative. I have previously stated that we must in the very near future make provision for further tonnage and although the present time is not opportune, this position must not be lost sight of.

Our investments as at 31st December stand at \$859,772.46 and to-day's values are in excess of this figure.

I have to confirm that the sum of \$97,701 allocated as a starting grant in 1939 accounts was duly paid into a separate banking account for the benefit of our officers' provident fund and during the current year employee and employer have paid further contributions into this fund totalling 10%

in all on salaries and we now propose paying in a further bonus of 5% bringing the total amount to 15% for the year, of which 5% is contributed by our employees who are members of the provident fund.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Mr. W. E. Kirby said:— I do not think there is call for me to enlarge on what the chairman has said, for the special circumstances of the company's trading over the year just passed have been aptly summarised in his address. When it is taken into consideration, however, that the continued practical closure of China coast ports served by the company for so many years necessitated the diverting of the steamers to alternative routes, the trading possibilities of which were highly problematical, I think the opinion will be shared that the surmounting of the difficulties encountered and as reflected in the accounts, is a result for which credit is due to all concerned.

I notice that the chairman referred to a paragraph relating to the price of coal, which recently appeared in the Press and which had been reprinted from a local parochial magazine. In reference to this it might be said that, so long as the law of supply and demand prevails, enhanced freights, like enhanced rentals and commodity prices, will be a natural corollary. It is unfortunate, however, in equity, that the writer did not apparently make himself more acquainted with his subject; had he taken the trouble to do so he could quite easily have ascertained that there are, incidental to a War period, also augmented charges which have to be borne by tonnage and which off-set, to a not inconsiderable extent, the higher freight rates of which the writer complains.

On behalf of the floating staff I would tender thanks to the general managers for the further amount placed to their credit in the provident fund and which gesture, I am sure, will be appreciated.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Seconding the report and accounts, Mr. H. J. Armstrong said:— Shareholders appreciate to the full the difficult conditions which the company has experienced in its operations during the current year and on their behalf I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the consulting committee, general managers and the floating and shore staff on the successful result of the year's operations. We notice with approval the transfer by the company to the officers' provident fund of a substantial sum and that the company has contributed a further ex gratia payment of 5% to the fund.

The consulting committee, consisting of Sir Robert Ho-tung, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson and Mr. M. H. Turner, was re-elected and Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Linstead and Davis were re-appointed auditors for the year at a fee of \$1,000 each.

LONDON MOTHERS DEFENDED

An "abominable slander," was the reply given by a woman member of the London County Council to accusations against the cleanliness of London mothers and children made by a St. Ives, Hunts, billeting officer.

The officer, Mr. W. J. Harris, told the Rural District Council that if there was further evacuation to the district he would refuse to attempt to billet women and children in his parish. Rural women had taught London women a lesson in cleanliness.

Reminded that householders could be compelled to take in evacuees, Mr. Harris replied: "I think you would have half the people going to gaol rather than take in these women and children."



Maureen O'Sullivan and Johnny Weissmuller in "Tarzan Finds a Son," showing at the Queen's and Alhambra theatres.

IMPORTANT PARIS TALK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Important conversations took place when the Premier, M. Reynaud, and the War Minister, M. Daladier, on their return from the Allied War Council in London received M. Cam-pinchi, Navy Minister, General Gama-lin and Admiral Darlan, the army and navy chiefs, respectively.

M. Reynaud also received M. van Zeeland, the former Belgian Premier.

— Havas.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 12th APRIL, 1940 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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1 Upright Piano by "Dorner and Sohn Piano."
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ALLIED MINING AND SUBSEQUENT NAZI ACTION

London, To-day.
COMMENT ON THE ALLIED mining of Norwegian waters and the subsequent brutal German invasion, has been received from South America, Italy and the United States.

The Buenos Aires newspapers accept the mining as a violation inevitable in war, and stress the increasing effectiveness of the Allied blockade.

The "Nacion" justifies the Allied action owing to Norwegian inability to enforce her rights, and points to the Scandinavian pro-Allied sentiment.

In Rome, the "Giornale d'Italia" publishes a despatch from its London correspondent reporting surprise at Germany's action considering Norway's hostile attitude to the Allies following the minelaying, unless it was a precautionary measure against Allied intervention.

The correspondent states that this was indeed the Allied plan to close Germany's gateway for supplies.

He adds Government circles declare Britain had respected the neutrality laws to the extreme in the hope that Norway could impede Germany's violations, but owing to the vanity of these hopes it was necessary to act.

VATICAN COMMENT

"Osservatore Romano," the Vatican organ, in a leading article says it is difficult to find direct connexion between the two days' events, which are so different both in proportion and in the factors involved.

Those who have defended against one and all the sacred rights of the neutrals cannot but envisage with anguish this unexpected and dramatic extension of the theatre of war.

After an examination of the recent British action and its official justification, and of the Norwegian protest, the Vatican paper states the dispute was a naval one and should have remained limited to the seas.

No one had threatened the territorial sovereignty of the neutrals which ought to have remained outside the discussion, having been so repeatedly guaranteed by the belligerents. But instead of this, the conflict had been brought on to the ground of violation of the neutrality of neutral territory itself.

U.S. VIEW

A New York despatch quotes the "Baltimore Sun" on the British mining of Norway.

"Neither governmental reactions nor German interpretations will affect the belief of those who see the Allies as a bulwark against the spread of totalitarianism, and its own consistent and deliberate flouting of the law of ethics.

"Whatever their judgment on the Anglo-French methods of war they will continue to hold that the Allies' purpose remains what it has been proclaimed to be — the ultimate establishment of principles which the smaller nations of Europe would themselves wish to see prevail.

"We, unlike Norway, are a remote and powerful nation, but the serious violation of one neutral's rights always threatens to lead on to others.

"We must be strong enough in the diplomatic field and in arms to prevent any flagrant invasion of our own neutral rights. We must also be prepared, when peace comes, to put forward a decisive effort to recreate a world in which the rule of order will be restored and in which economic and political conditions will assure that it will hold henceforth." — Senator.

CAPTURED FURS FROM GERMANY

The picture of a Naval officer on convoy duty in the hooded coat which sailors call a "lammy," comes to mind when mention is made of the part lambskin and other furs are now playing in protecting Britain's fighting men from the cold.

Provision of this type of clothing for all three Services is giving a big job of work to the British fur dressing and dyeing industry, but that is only one side of the story. Since war began, trade in processed furskins has been well maintained, and many countries are now anxious to give Britain the business previously done with Germany.

There is thus a link between the Navy "lammy" coats and the cargoes of lamb and other furskins which it conveys to Britain for processing, and convoys away from Britain when the skins are dressed and dyed.

With good supplies of home-produced dyestuffs, plenty of skilled craftsmen, and years of scientific research behind it, the industry is well able to provide for the demands of Germany's former overseas customers as well as for war equipment requirements at home.

London, which has won from Leipzig the position of foremost fur market in the world, now reports increased furskin purchases by Sweden, Denmark and Holland, an appreciable proportion of the purchases being left in Britain for dressing and dyeing. A much larger trade in processed furs is now being done with South American countries, and Portugal, Spain and Turkey are showing increased interest. Italy is continually buying skins of British production, such as silver foxes and hairseals.



Dieting. Dot says that with her this reducing habit is not so much a matter of taking off but keeping off unwanted pounds.

CANADA CALLS

We have received from the C.P.R., an attractive leaflet describing holiday attractions throughout Canada for all seasons of the year, as well as giving other information of interest to visitors desirous of spending their holidays in that delightful country.

This leaflet gives detailed particulars on hotels, schools, etc., as well as facilities and seasons for indoor and outdoor sports.

Due to prevailing war conditions in Europe, which seriously hamper the usual holiday facilities normally available in various parts of Europe, Canada appears an ideal substitute for those wishing to spend an enjoyable and comfortable holiday. Copies of this leaflet are available to anyone applying at the C.P.R. office.

MILITARY BAND CONCERT AT PENINSULA HOTEL

The Military Band Concert originally intended for April 21 will now take place on Sunday April 28 in the ground floor lounge of the Peninsula Hotel commencing punctually at 9 p.m.

The Concert is in aid of the British War Organisation Fund and an enjoyable evening's Musicales is anticipated.

By kind permission of Major H.W.M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., and Officers the Band of the 1st Battalion the Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) will play under the conductorship of Mr. W.E. Kifford, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster and the programme will include numbers by outstanding local vocalists.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

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Hong Kong Bank \$1487½ sa.

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Union Ins. \$495 s.

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Dairy Farms \$21.35 sa.

Watsons \$9¼ sa.

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Wing On (H.K.) \$39 b.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6.80 b.

LAST DAY'S SALES

40. H.K. Bank @ \$1487½

1900. Docks C. Rts. @ \$21¾

100. Telephones @ \$28¾

500. Watsons @ \$9¼

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The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York London £—U.S.\$349-1/2.

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An unknown Chinese was picked up on the shore of Ching Ling Tau, Castle Peak Road, yesterday, with a rope around the neck.

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Two Piano Recital

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Symphony in D Minor. Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Two Piano Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (from the Gloucester Hotel).
8.23 p.m.—Scenes from Noel Coward's "To-night at 8.30".
"Red Peppers"—Has anybody seen our Ship; Men about Town... Gertrude Lawrence & Noel Co-

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

ward with The Phoenix Theatre Orchestra.
"Family Album"—Here's a Toast; The Musical Box... Gertrude Lawrence, Noel Coward & Company with The Phoenix Theatre Orchestra.
8.41 p.m.—"Hutch" & His Charm Music.
My Heart and I (film 'Anything Goes')... Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
I Have Eyes (film 'Paris Honey-moon'); Grandma Said (Magid-

son-Wrubel).... "Hutch" & His Charm Music.
8.50 p.m.—London Relay — "Thirsty Work". "The Royal Oak", a Westmoreland Inn.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay — "Vive la France". Programme dealing with the life of the French Army and People.
9.45 p.m.—Light French Music.
Valse — L'Assemblée Du Village; Valse — Elle Lisait Marie-Claire... L'Accordeoniste Alexander et Son Orchestre.
Mon Ami Le Vent (Deletre)... Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestre.
Slow Fox-Trot—Ah! Si Vous Connaissez Ma Poule; Fox-Trot—Ma Pomme... Maurice Chevalier (Vo-

Variety Programme

cal) with Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—Mary Ellis (Soprano) and Debroy Somers Band.
10.30 p.m.—Variety Programme.
Cinema Organ—Hits from the Shows... Reginald Foot.
Vocal—The Drift (from Cochran's Show "Lights Up"); You've Done Something To My Heart (from Cochran's Show "Lights Up")... Pat Kirkwood (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Vocal—Sweethearts (film 'Life of Victor Herbert'); I'm Falling in Love with Someone (film 'Life of Victor Herbert')... Allan Jones with Orchestra.
Impersonations—Florence Desmond At A Rehearsal for the Troops... Florence Desmond with Orch.
Vocal — Follow the White Line (Burnaby & North)... Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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ONE TOO MANY.

Artificial Ace-showing conventions work out very well on those hands where one player can determine that a Small or Grand Slam can be made provided his partner holds a certain number of Aces. However, we find two serious flaws in the wholesale Ace-showing convention. The first is that since four notrump is the bid used to ask partner to show his Aces, the partnership is committed to a contract of at least five-odd. Our second objection is that not infrequently a Slam cannot be made even though it is found that the combined hands hold all four Aces. For example:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 9 8 3
♥ A J 2
♦ 10 6 5
♣ A J 4
♠ 10 6 5
♥ K 7 4 3
♦ Q J 2
♣ 10 9 8
N
W
E
S
♠ A K J 7 2
♥ 6
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ K 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
4NT Pass 5♥ Pass
5♠ Pass Pass Pass

North and South were using the Blackwood Convention. After North's double raise in spades South felt that a Slam was possible—hence, his bid of four notrump, which requested his partner to show his Aces. North's response of five hearts was also conventional and showed two Aces (one club, one diamond, etc.).

Since he had bid the full strength of his hand, South then simply returned to five spades and North quite properly refused to go any further.

Unfortunately, West chose a fine opening—the club ten, whereupon the defence could not be prevented from winning a club trick and two diamonds.

Under our system of bidding, South would make his Slam try by bidding four diamonds (still below the game level). North might then respond with four hearts to show the Ace, but South would then sign off with four spades and that would be the final contract.

Howard Schenken was your partner yesterday and you held:

♠ K Q 9 8 7
♥ x x x
♦ x x x
♣ x x

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Burnstone You
Pass 2♥ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. The artificial two-notrump response is used merely to show a "bust," whereas you hold a good five-card suit with one "honour" trick.

Score 100% for two spades, 60% for two notrump; 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 381

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ x x
♥ K 10 x x
♦ Q x x x
♣ K J x

The bidding:
You Maier Burnstone Jacoby
Pass Pass 3♠ Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OVERCOMING HEAD RAISING

BY BEST BALL

These shut in winter days afford a good opportunity for the player to practice his putting stroke on the parlour rug. The stroke is stressed because at this time the golfer might improve his technique by concentrating alone upon it. Forget the idea of a target to putt at temporarily and devote the attention to merely stroking the ball freely underneath the head as an anchor. Try to stroke the ball so that the clubface will contact the ball at precise right angles, follow through along this line but MAKE CERTAIN you do not raise the head in the process. Let the ball go where it may, provided it is not lofted into some choice brick or brace and stroke the next ball in the same way.

Persevered in this habit of keeping the chin slightly back of the ball, the head down, may become so permanently engrained in the stroke that the ensuing summer will find it part and parcel of the player's routine. It will not be an easy habit to accomplish but the results are worth

GRAPHIC GOLF



the effort. Hasty stroking, and jerky halting motions, will give way to a smoother swing. The roll of the ball will subsequently be smoother and more accurate. Next Article. — Position Of Clubface And Ball.



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University "A" Retain Senior Badminton Title

L.G. GOSANO LEADS SENIOR BOWLERS

(By "ADREM")

Most notable change in the League cricket averages, appended, is the advance of L. G. Gosano to the head of the bowling list.

Qualifying for the first time this year, the left-handed Recreio player now has an average of 5.67 for six wickets, thanks chiefly to his fine performance in Recreio's last match against University.

M. R. Abbas, of I.R.C., who was the first bowler in either division to perform the hat-trick, is now third in the junior bowling averages but has easily the greatest number of wickets—27.

In Senior Division, A. R. Minu, the Interporter, has taken no fewer than 25 wickets, against the next highest by H. L. Ozorio of 19!

FIRST DIVISION

BATTING
(Qualification—3 Inns. Av. of 15 and over)

	N.	H.	O. R. S. Ave.
D.J.N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	5	2 225	75.00
M. P. Madar (I.R.C.)	4	3 62 23	62.00
Sgt. Webb (Army)	5	1 230 88	57.50
Major Petri (Army)	3	2 48 24	48.00
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	3	0 138 84	46.00
W. A. Reed (Rec.)	4	2 78 49	39.00
Major Grose (Army)	4	1 109 69	36.33
S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)	3	2 36 24	36.00
K. Nazarin (I.R.C.)	5	0 157 71	31.40
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	5	2 91 51	30.33
W. H. Colledge (C.S.C.C.)	4	0 115 70	28.75
F. R. Zimmermann (C.C.C.)	5	0 141 47	28.20
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.)	5	1 140 57	28.00
H. P. Lim (C.C.C.)	5	1 100 76	25.00
L. G. Gosano (Rec.)	6	0 144 72	24.00
A. R. H. Esmail (C.C.C.)	4	0 91 56	22.75
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	5	0 113 43	22.60
Y. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	6	1 100 25	20.00
N. A. Beltrao (Rec.)	6	3 60 29	20.00
A. H. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	5	0 97 47	19.40
A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	6	0 116 33	19.33
E. Zimmermann (C.C.C.)	5	0 95 37	19.00
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	6	0 107 47	17.83
M. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	4	1 51 19	17.00
Capt. Skipwith (Army)	5	0 81 44	16.20
N.B.B. Whitley (C.S.C.C.)	4	1 47 37	15.67
G. N. Gosano (Rec.)	5	0 77 27	15.40
A. J. Hulse (C.C.C.)	4	0 61 30	15.25
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	3	3 34 26	—

BOWLING
(Qualification—3 matches; 5 wickets; av. of 15 and under.)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
L. G. Gosano (Rec.)	12.4	3	34	6	5.67
D.J.N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	22	6	74	12	6.17
P. J. Billimoria (C.C.C.)	24	7	91	13	7.00
G. Winch (C.C.C.)	34	7	111	18	8.46
A. P. Pereira (Rec.)	14.4	3	51	6	8.50
L/Cpl. Young (Army)	26.5	3	103	12	9.58
H. L. Ozorio (Rec.)	68.2	16	174	19	9.16
G. Hong Choy (Univ.)	15.3	1	102	9	11.33
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	36	4	172	15	11.47
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	62	11	190	16	11.88
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	67.5	12	306	25	12.24
R. J. Fenton (C.S.C.C.)	31	1	151	11	13.73

SECOND DIVISION

BATTING
(Qualification—3 Inns. Av. of 15 and over)

	N.	H.	O. R. S. Ave.
Major Swyers (Army)	5	3 103	33 61.50
A. E. Noronha (Rec.)	4	2 68	53* 34.00
Brig. MacLeod (Army)	4	1 116	106* 35.33
Lt. Fargus (Army)	3	1 68	56 34.00
H. A. Barros (Rec.)	6	1 169	55* 33.80
K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	6	1 163	54 32.60
Q.M.S. Paterson (Army)	3	0 91	63 30.33
C. Pope (Police)	6	0 179	49 29.83
T. All (I.R.C.)	4	2 58	18* 29.00
J. A. Soares (Rec.)	3	2 29	17* 29.00
U. A. Esmail (C.C.C.)	3	2 26	13* 26.00
R. M. Soares (Univ.)	4	1 77	45* 25.67
T. Lock (C.C.C.)	6	2 100	50* 25.00
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	5	0 121	44 24.20
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	5	1 92	46 23.00
W. L. Clarke (Police)	7	1 136	36 22.67
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	8	1 158	49* 22.29
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)	3	0 66	33 22.00
H. M. Xavier (Rec.)	5	1 87	58* 21.75
Capt. Lawrence (Army)	6	0 124	41 20.67
C. W. Lam (C.C.C.)	5	1 82	26* 20.50
G. A. Guterres (Rec.)	5	2 61	24* 20.33
G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.)	6	0 116	36 19.17
T. Chin (Univ.)	3	0 57	44 19.00
E. Curtiss (K.C.C.)	7	3 75	27* 18.75
J. E. Noronha (Rec.)	3	0 54	32 18.00
J. L. Stephens (Police)	7	1 107	44* 17.83
A. M. Prata (Rec.)	4	0 70	33 17.50
R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	6	0 104	30 17.33
M. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	7	0 121	37 17.29
P. H. Carvalho (Rec.)	3	1 34	25* 17.00
F. H. Laughlin (Police)	7	0 119	36 17.00
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	7	0 111	27 16.86
G. Stone (C.C.C.)	7	0 118	33 16.86
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	5	0 75	28* 15.00
J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.)	4	0 60	28 15.00

EASY VICTORY OVER CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

(By "ADREM")

AS EXPECTED, UNIVERSITY "A" won their play-off with Chinese "Y" for the Senior Division League Badminton title at Recreio last night. The score was 6-2, Varsity conceding one game.

What was surprising, however, was the easy manner in which they accomplished the feat. It will be recalled that Chinese "Y," in the first match at Bridges Street, beat the holders by 6 games to 3 and in the return game at University, the home team just scraped through in a thrilling match by the odd game.

Last night, with K. L. Yong back in the team, Varsity had matters all their own way. Only change in the "Y" team was the inclusion of L. C. Leng in place of the left-handed H. Koh. This new combination was not very successful and only managed to win one game.

Most impressive of the losing pairs last night were C. Au and F. Koh, who did very well indeed to beat the powerful C. F. Chew-P. K. Hui combination by the large margin of 9 aces.

Individually, Yong and Chew caught the eye, the two premier Colony players, P. H. Wong and P. K. Hui being extraordinarily erratic.

K. L. Yong and C. K. Lee (University) beat H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung ... 21-10
beat F. Koh and C. Au ... 23-21
beat T. H. Wong and L. C. Leng ... 21-19
M. S. Lim and P. S. Bun (University) beat Lau and Chung ... 21-18
lost to Koh and Au ... 13-21
P. K. Hui and H. F. Chew (University) beat Lau and Chung ... 21-2
lost to Koh and Au ... 12-21
beat Wong and Leng ... 21-13

RECREIO "A" WIN

Recreio "A" beat Talko by 8 to 1 in the Mixed Doubles League at Talkoo. J. Clark and Miss Beattie (Talkoo) lost to J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro ... 22-23
lost to M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Ribeiro ... 14-21
beat L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Silva ... 21-16
R. Main and Mrs. Main (Talkoo) lost to Remedios and Miss Ribeiro ... 14-21
lost to Oliveira and Miss Ribeiro ... 17-21
lost to Carvalho and Miss Silva ... 14-21
T. Beattie and Miss Pollock (Talkoo) lost to Remedios and Miss Ribeiro ... 17-21
lost to Oliveira and Miss Ribeiro ... 16-21
lost to Carvalho and Miss Silva ... 6-21

C.S.C.C. TEAMS

The following will represent Civil Service lawn bowlers against Hong Kong Football Club at Craigengower on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

First:—R. R. Wood, H. F. Harper, J. F. McGowan, J. W. Deaken, T. Sedden, A. B. Allen, L. A. Collyer, F. Jones, J. R. Carr, M. E. Purvis, A. Steven and S. Eccleshall.
Second:—C. W. Walker, F. S. Austin, J. Gellatly, H. E. Strange, J. C. Lucas, E. Kirmmon, W. J. Burling, J. Hollidge, A. F. Sheppard, J. F. Hickman, P. D. Crawley and M. N. Rakusen.
Reserves:—T. E. Wood, H. Lord, A. J. Macfadyen, A. Grimmit Jr. D. Hollidge Jr.

BOWLING
(Qualification—3 matches; 5 wickets; av. of 15 and under.)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
M. A. Remedios (Rec.)	12.3	3	43	10	4.30
Y. T. Barma (I.R.C.)	29.7	4	57	14	6.93
H. Danbrowsky (Police)	21.5	1	125	18	6.94
G. A. Guterres (Rec.)	42.1	5	153	21	7.52
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	69.7	11	216	27	8.00
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)	23.4	7	56	7	8.00
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	42.6	4	179	20	8.95
Pte. Hatfield (Army)	24.4	8	63	7	9.00
A. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	56	11	188	20	9.40
J. E. Noronha (Rec.)	31.3	3	113	12	9.42
Lt. Peal (Army)	17	2	97	10	9.70
A. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	42.6	6	163	18	10.16
B. R. Iranees (C.C.C.)	24	3	96	9	10.67
Cpl. Blount (Army)	11	1	33	3	11.00
E. Gillespie (R.A.F.)	49.2	10	199	18	11.06
F. Forrest (Police)	15.6	2	85	7	11.43
G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.)	27.6	2	112	10	11.80
C. Pope (Police)	61	4	227	12	12.47
J. Lewis (Police)	46	8	171	15	12.51
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	53.8	8	220	17	12.89
N. Singh (Univ.)	44.8	7	245	18	13.51
Lt. Fargus (Army)	10	0	75	5	15.00



RECREIO LAWN BOWLS OPENING

Club de Recreio "Opening Day" Lawn Bowls Match, Visitors v Club de Recreio, will take place on Saturday at 3.30 p.m. at King's Park.

Following are the teams:—

Visitors	Club de Recreio
H. A. Castro	J. Luz
H. White	C. M. Silva
P. Morgan	O. P. Remedios
J. J. Whyte (Skip)	F. X. Soares (Skip)
G. T. Padgett	F. Xavier
C. S. M. Thom	C. M. Alves
L. C. R. Souza	C. Roza Pereira
R. P. Phillips (Skip)	F. V. V. Ribeiro (Skip)

Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews	E. I. Leitao
Sir Atholl MacGregor	Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jr.
B. E. Maughan	E. de Sousa
A. Grimmit (Skip)	H. A. Alves (Skip)
R. Leigh	J. A. Remedios
G. S. Ladd	Dr. A. M. Rodrigues
S. M. Rumjahn	J. Noronha Jr.
E. G. Post (Skip)	C. G. Silva (Skip)
F. Flippance	J. C. Remedios
W. Hobbs	M. Alarcon
C. Strange	C. E. Marques
R. Morrison	F. X. Silva (Skip)
W. Glendenning	C. F. Vas
J. W. Hudson	L. A. Gutierrez
W. Melrose	L. F. Xavier
E. A. Atkins (Skip)	R. F. Luz (Skip)

D.B.S. ANNUAL SPORTS

The annual athletic meeting of the Diocesan Boys' School will take place to-morrow morning (Friday) on the School ground, commencing at 11 a.m. and terminating at 4 p.m.

TO-DAY'S SPORTS

Two schools athletic meetings will be held to-day. At Caroline Hill at 1 p.m. St. Joseph's will hold their annual sports meeting and at the same time at Kowloon Wah Yan College will hold theirs.



TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Weather permitting, S. A. Rumjahn will to-day meet J. W. Leonard in the Colony Open Tennis tournament:—

Open Singles
S. A. Rumjahn v J. W. Leonard (4).
Handicap Singles
A. H. Barwell (—1/6) v C. B. Nicholson (—3/6) (6).
D. M. MacDougall (—15.2) v G. W. Sewell (—4/6) or M. Pagh (—30.3) (7).
Mixed Doubles Handicap
C. H. R. and Mrs. Hyde (—30.3) v R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley (—3/6) (3).

SCHOOLS' SPORTS

The South China Athletic Association will hold an All-Schools' Sports on May 2, 3 and 4. The proceeds will be devoted to War Relief. The Open events are as follows: 110 Metres Hurdles, 400 Metres

MEN'S
Hurdles, 100 Metres Race, 200 Metres Race, 400 Metres Race, 800 Metres Race, 1,500 Metres Race, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop-Step and Jump, Shot Put, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,000 Metres Relay Race.

LADIES'
80 Metres Hurdles, 50 Metres Race, 100 Metres Race, 200 Metres Race, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Baseball, 400 Metres Relay Race.

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CHAMPIONS' TEAM TO MEET REST.

MRS. OLIVE BURNETT, skipper of the Caer Clark Cup champions, "Y" Ladies, has been admitted to hospital suffering from a poisoned finger and will not be available for the match, Champions v. The Rest on Saturday.

No fewer than four members of the team which won the championship will not be playing to-morrow but the team will be augmented by the return of Mrs. Dudley, formerly Miss Anne Fowler, the Interporter.

Following is the team:—
Miss C. Minnot; Mrs. Anne Dudley and Mrs. I. Stone; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Violet Fowl-

er, Miss B. Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Macklin and Miss Buchanan.

In addition to Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Nance Strange, Mrs. Groundwater (Sybil Gardner) and Miss K. Pocock are not playing.

The probable Rest team has already been nominated but definite selection will not be made until to-morrow, when captains will meet.

JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATIONS

Following alterations and additions to classification lists, dated 11th March, 1940, have been notified by Hong Kong Jockey Club:

Australian Ponies:—Ascot Day to "A" Class; Many Thanks to "A" Class; Flying Dutchman to "B" Class; Teviotdale to "B" Class; Triumphant Day to "B" Class; Rising Star to "C" Class; and A Good Time to "D" Class.
China Ponies:—Johnber to "A" Class; Oonagh to "A" Class; Distinctive Time to "B" Class; Just In Time to "B" Class; and Chatterbox to "C" Class.

S.C.A.A. AQUATICS

The South China A.A. pavilion at North Point, will open its swimming season on Sunday, with a gala at which a large number of well-known swimmers will take part.

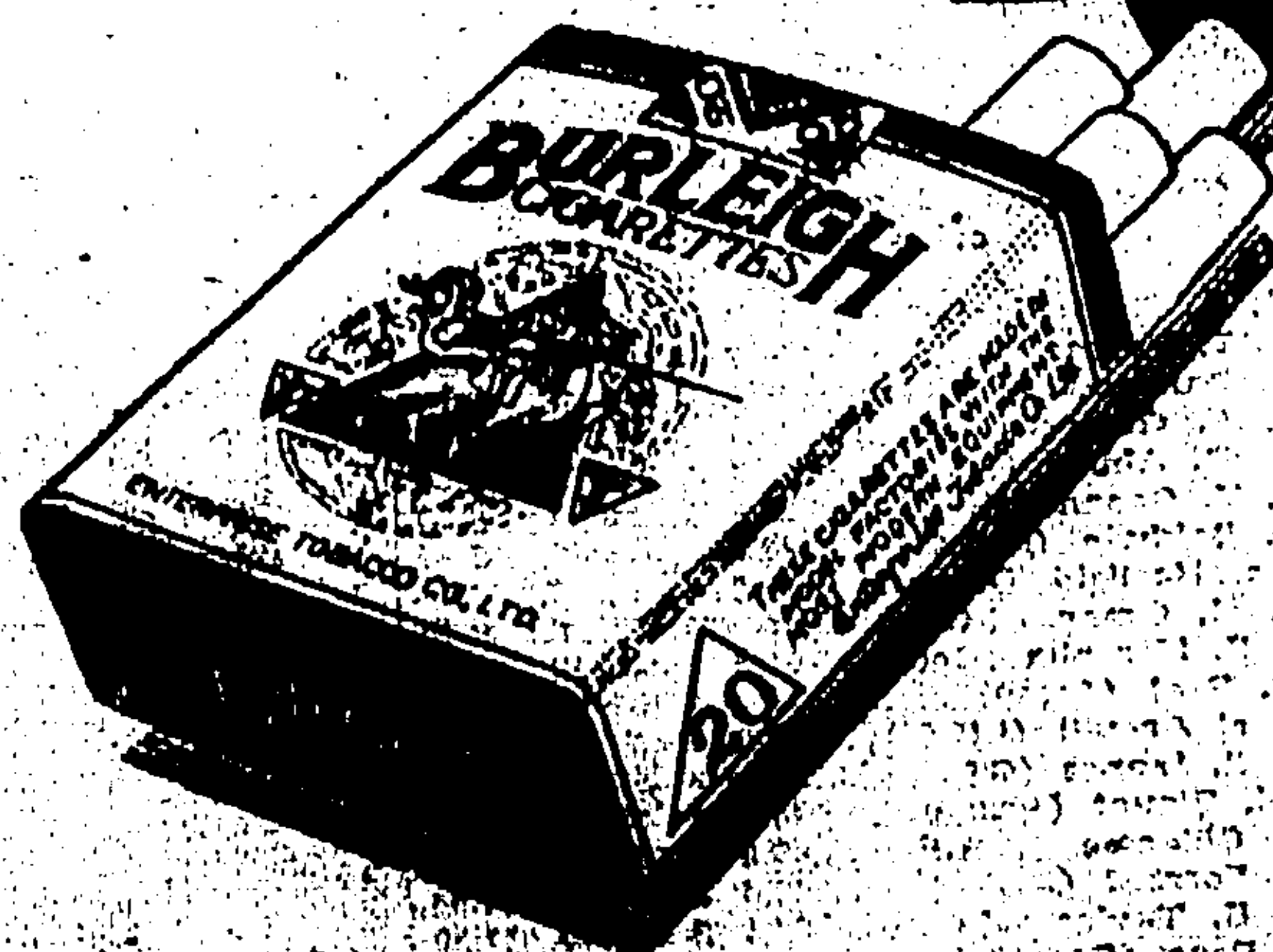
Among the swimmers will be Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan, Law Shaw-wing, Chan Wing-kai, Chan Yuet-fat, Wong Sau-shan, Wong Chihung, Yeung Chueng-wah, Ho Pun-kan, Fong Chung-yu, Enrique Chaine, Robert Chan, Kwok Hon-ming, Stanley Lee, Misses Sa Wai-ying, Lee Poulun, Chan Yuk-king, Tsang Fung-kun, Yip Choi-man, Cheung Pui-chun, Ko Mui-ling, Lee Chuek-wah and many others.



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NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED and TWENTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 25th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th April to 25th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th April, 1940.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on TUESDAY, the 30th day of April, 1940, at Noon in the BOARD ROOM of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1939, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 20th April to 30th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1940.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,

Manager.

14, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 3rd MAY, 1940 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1939, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 17th APRIL to 3rd MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,

General Manager.

Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1940.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**PUBLIC AUCTION****PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS**

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 15th day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4240.	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2357, at junction of Prince Edward Road & Nullah Road, Mongkok.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 7,400	\$123 \$22,350

**PUBLIC AUCTION****PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS**

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 15th day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	More Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2783	Junction of Fuk-Wing Street and Kowloon Street	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 15,000	\$110 \$20,000

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 15th day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Inland Lot No. 5333	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 5311, Yuen Yuen Street, Wong Nei Chung.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 1,615	\$2 \$4,250

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VALUABLE ALLIED AID REACHES NORWEGIAN ARMY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
ALLIED ASSISTANCE HAS ALREADY REACHED THE NORWEGIAN ARMY AND A FIERCE BATTLE IS RAGING AT ELVERUM, NORTH OF HAMAR, THE USUALLY WELL-INFORMED "AFTONBLADET" REPORTS.

The battle started early in the afternoon and was still progressing at night, when the newspaper received its report.

The Germans are fighting with strong aerial support while Allied planes are helping the small but well-equipped Norwegian forces.

FATE OF THE "BREMEN"

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE FATE OF THE GERMAN LINER BREMEN, REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED AND SUNK ON TUESDAY, HAS EXCITED GREAT INTEREST IN BRITAIN; NO CONFIRMATION IS YET FORTHCOMING.

Dr. Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry says that it is a "deliberate lie."

Rumours are current in Amsterdam that the Bremen, with 1,800 German troops on board, was sunk by Norwegian coastal batteries which are also said to have sunk the 28,000-ton German battleship "Gneisenau." — Reuter.

Several German detachments have been wiped out. The German command is rushing reinforcements from the Oslo region northward by truck convoys escorted by planes.

The Norwegian Government, which evacuated Hamar, made a short stop at Elverum and then proceeded northward, probably to Antryell.

In London, semi-official sources confirm the "Aftenbladet" report, and say the Norwegian troops are making a stand. — Havas.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.
The French Ambassador, M. Henri Cosme, has arrived by air from Hanoi. — Havas.

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New York, To-day.

According to press and radio reports, a British naval flotilla has forced an entrance to Narvik Fjord and has started landing marines. — Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

The War Department has released for export three of the latest types of pursuit planes. It will possibly be a year before they can be delivered in substantial numbers. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

Another German troopship, the Antares, of 2,539 tons, was sunk last night off the west coast of Sweden. Thirty-four survivors have landed at Lysekil. It is stated that the troopship apparently struck a mine. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

Sixteen hundred are believed dead as a result of the Antares sinking. Many of the survivors are cavalry and air force officers. They are under military guard. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

It is reported from Charlottenburg that the British Navy have forced the Oslo Fjord and are demanding the surrender of the city. The inhabitants are said to have hastily evacuated. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

In the course of a proclamation, King Haakon says the invasion is certain to cause great destruction but the Government is sure that a new future of freedom will emerge for the country. Consequently, he calls on the entire people to retain the country's traditional liberty and to continue the struggle to that end. — Reuter.

NAZIS FACING DISASTER

(Continued from Page 1)

Hamar Taken

In the meantime, in the land operations, a German army unit is reported to have entered Hamar, to which the Norwegian Government fled.

A broadcast over the radio, which is in German hands, says defence is "useless" — an effort to demoralise the population.

Norwegian coastal batteries have not ceased firing against German transports and warships.

Refugees are arriving in Sweden from Norway and Denmark. — Havas.

Attack Repulsed

Stockholm, To-day.

It is learned that the German attack on Elverum yesterday was repulsed all along the line. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

The German cruiser Emden has been sunk by the Norwegians. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

It is now learned that the Emden was sunk by the Norwegian cruiser-minelayer in the Oslo Fjord. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

Volunteers for Norway have been applying to the Norwegian Legation in Helsinki and instructions have been issued to accept such volunteers. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

The Norwegian Government and General Staff were able to take all archives out of Oslo when they evacuated.

The Bank of Norway evacuated all gold and banknotes. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

The British Minister and all the staffs of the French and Polish Legations in Norway are now in Sweden. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

Radio Tromsøe has appealed to the British Fleet to send assistance as two German warships are landing troops at Aalesund. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

King Haakon of Norway has refused the German demand to recognise the Quisling puppet government, says a Norwegian press agency despatch from Elverum. The committee of three announces it has agreed with the King and emphasises that the German puppet is unconstitutional and that no basis for negotiations exists. — Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has issued an Executive Order, freezing all balances and exchange transactions in which the Norwegian and Danish Governments or citizens have an interest. — Reuter.

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